



Peace United Church of Christ
Rev. Eric Kirkegaard
May 28, 2023
Pentecost Sunday

Our mission: Love like Jesus...

Welcome all, love all, grow in faith together, and seek justice for all.

“Just as I have loved you, you should love each other.” – John 13:34

We, the members of Peace United Church of Christ, believe that we are called to be a congregation of grace and welcome to all of God’s children:

- to celebrate every person as a child of God, created in God’s image.
- to love all as God has first loved us.
- to acknowledge the presence of, and offer healing to the wounds of oppression, injustice, prejudice, and hate, and to stand with those who are left out.

Following Christ’s example, we welcome and include everyone in all aspects of life, leadership, and ministry of the church. We affirm persons of all races, nationalities, sexual orientations, gender identities, family structures, physical or mental abilities, political stances, faith backgrounds and socio-economic status.

In the way of Jesus, we stand against acts of hate and violence in all their forms.

Therefore, we declare ourselves to be an Open and Affirming Congregation, where an extravagant welcome and grace are extended to all, and each person’s gifts are celebrated, welcomed, nurtured, and blessed, that all may be one. Amen.

Approved by Peace Church 10/20/2019

Our vision: “Peace Church exists to feed souls,
grow in God's extravagant love and
together serve all of God's children and creation.”

Welcome visitors! Please take a moment to complete a Guest Information card in the pew racks in front of you. Please place the completed card in the offering plate.

Prayer Requests - As we gather together as one family in Jesus Christ, we covenant to hold one another’s joys and concerns. Please share your prayers with us by writing them on the “Prayer Request” slip found in the pew in front of you and return them to the usher or place them in the offering plate. Thank you.

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WORSHIP SERVICE

PRELUDE "March Jubilant" Lane

GREETINGS/PRAYER REQUESTS

HYMN "Send Down the Fire" (see insert)

INVOCATION

One: Mother and Father of glory, we seek to know you more fully in this time of worship. Reveal yourself to us.

All: **Grant us knowledge beyond words, a presence that transcends description, a hope that empowers faithful service. Fill us with the wonder and wisdom of the Spirit which you have promised to the church of Jesus Christ. Amen.**

TURNING OUR HEARTS TO GOD – Psalm 104:24-34, 35b

One: O Lord, how manifold are your works! In wisdom you have made them all; the earth is full of your creatures.

All: **Yonder is the sea, great and wide, creeping things innumerable are there, living things both small and great.**

There go the ships, and Leviathan that you formed to sport in the sea.

One: These all look to you to give them their food in due season:

All: **When you give to them they gather it up;
When you open your hand, they are filled with good things.**

One: When you hide your face...

All: **They are dismayed.
When you take away their breath,
They die and return to their dust.**

One: When you send forth your spirit!

All: **When you send forth your spirit, They are created;
and you renew the face of the ground.**

One: May the glory of the Lord endure forever; may the Lord rejoice in his works – who looks on the earth and it trembles, who touches the mountains and they smoke.

All: *I will sing to the Lord as long as I live; I will sing praise to my God while I have being. May my meditation be pleasing to him, for I rejoice in the Lord. Bless the Lord, O my soul. Praise the Lord!*

CONFESSION OF SIN AND ASSURANCE OF PARDON

One: We join in opening ourselves to the glory of God and offering our confession: God of power, you have sent the Spirit of love.

All: **forgive us all the times we put conditions on our love.**

One: You have sent the Spirit of joy,

All: **forgive us all the times we are disagreeable and unwelcome witnesses.**

One: You have sent the Spirit of peace,

All: **forgive us all the times our words and actions contribute to conflict and divisions.**

One: You have sent us the Spirit of patience,

All: **forgive us all the times we worry because we do not see instant results to prayer.**

One: You have sent us the Spirit of kindness,

All: **forgive us all the times we have neglected people's needs.**

One: You have sent the spirit of goodness,

All: **forgive us all the times we have willfully or thoughtlessly caused pain by our words or actions.**

One: You have sent the Spirit of faithfulness,

All: **forgive us all the times our discipleship has lacked credibility.**

One: You have sent the spirit of gentleness,

All: **forgive us all the times we have been aggressive in our attitude toward others.**

One: You have sent the Spirit of self-control,

All: **forgive us all the times we have hurt others by our careless manner.**

One: Gracious and merciful God, grant us your forgiveness and your love that we may truly care for one another.

All: Refresh and renew us with your Spirit so that we can be fruitful and vital disciples of Jesus Christ. Amen.

PROCLAMATION OF GOD'S LOVE AND POWER

One: People of God, let the winds of forgiveness blow through our souls. May we know deep in our bones that God loves us and the world beyond all measure. We are God's beloved! Let us rise up into newness of life that is ours in Christ this day.

All: **Glory be to God. Amen.**

♪ A Response "Halle, Halle, Hallelujah"

THE PASSING OF THE PEACE

Peace be with you.

And also with you.

SPECIAL MUSIC "Blades of Grass & Pure White Stones"

Hatch, Alexander & Naish

Chancel Choir

LESSON 1 Corinthians 12:3b-13 Page 875

The Children's Time - As the children come forward, please sing Hymn 226 "Jesus Loves Me" vs. 1

HYMN 326 "Spirit, Spirit of Gentleness"

LESSON Acts 2:1-21 Page 831

GOSPEL John 20:19-23 Page 829

SERMON

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

One: I will sing to God as long as I live; I will sing praise to my God while I have being. For the gift of your Spirit, poured out on all –

All: **We give you thanks.**

One: For the passionate faith of our youth and young adults, their spirited voices speaking about your deeds of power. For exciting new programs to nurture them made possible by these gifts –

All: **We give you thanks.**

One: For the renewal of churches that just need a little help from us to thrive again, For the rivers of living water flowing out of their hearts once more –

All: We give you thanks.

One: For the opportunity to plant new churches offering varieties of gifts, and varieties of services, activated by the same Spirit –

All: We give you thanks.

One: For a multiracial, multicultural church – all drinking of the same Spirit, all offering an extravagant welcome, all spreading good news of our still speaking God –

All: We give you thanks and praise.

PASTORAL PRAYER – LORD’S PRAYER

“Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name; thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our sins, as we forgive those who sin against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.”

BENEDICTION

One: Go in peace, serve the Lord.

**All: We go to love and to serve, for we are the church!
Thanks be to God! Alleluia and Amen!**

HYMN 481 “Every Time I Feel the Spirit”

POSTLUDE



NEWS & NOTES



Serving Today: Musicians: Karla Spaits, Mia Dornacker, Lia Piittmann, Elsa Kirkegaard; Litanist: Sharon Stier; Video: Katelynn Scannell; Audio: Josh Spaits

Today’s Altar Flowers are donated by Cheryl Ammel in loving memory of Larry Ammel.

Lectionary for June 4 - Genesis 1:1-2:4a and Psalm 8 • 2 Corinthians 13:11-13 • Matthew 28:16-20

Happy Birthday May 28 – June 3

May 29 Sarah Van Beek

May 30 Jim Breitbach (87), Jenny Kivell, Caleb Reif

May 31 Judy Price (82)

Happy Anniversary – May 28 – June 3

May 30 Matt & Jenny Kivell (14), Kevin & Laura Stautz

Calendar for the Week of May 28, 2023

- 5/29 Church Office closed – Memorial Day
5/30 Lectionary 10 a.m.
5/31 XYZ Cards
6/1 Prayer Shawl – 1 p.m.
6/2 Funeral Service for Herman Panzer 2:00-3:00 visitation, 4:00 service @ Peace Church

Summer service time begins next week! Starting next week we will have one Sunday morning worship service at 9:00 a.m. We will maintain this service time through Labor Day. Come and celebrate being gathered as one family of God.

Midweek worship begins! We are going to try something a little different and create sacred space on Wednesday evenings at 7:00 p.m. Services will be less formal, more interactive, some different music. We will gather for the first time on June 7th following the community meal. Come and be a part of experiencing/imagining how we create a new worship experience at Peace UCC.

Next Sunday, Rev. Andrew Warner will be our preacher. He will be available after church to discuss how Our Churches Wider Mission impacts the world as well as our lives.

Participating in the Pride Parade MKE – Next Sunday, June 4th we will join with numerous Open and Affirming UCC churches in Southeastern Wisconsin to walk together as a witness to God's extravagant welcome. We need to be positioned at the parade route at 1:30. We will coordinate rides from the church parking lot to have us there in time. If you are interested in participating, or would like more information please contact Vikar Jakob, Chris Rode, or Pastor Eric

Habitat for Humanity Trip – July 9th-14th This year we are planning an inter-generational Habitat Trip to Red Wing Minnesota. Anyone who has completed their freshman year in high school or beyond (even well beyond) is welcome to come and lend a hand in seeking to provide decent housing for all of God's children. The affiliate is asking for a minimum of 7 people, but we are hoping for many more than that. The cost will be \$75 for members or \$100 for non-members. If you have questions please contact Karen Kletti, Clark Pearson, or Pastor Eric. **There will be a meeting for those who are interested in taking this trip on Thursday, June 14th at 6:30 p.m. to discuss the trip.**

Thank you to Peace Church – Marian Herriges would like to thank everyone at Peace Church for the prayers and well wishes she received while going through her heart surgery.

PRAYERS FOR THE WEEK

Current prayers will be listed for one week unless otherwise indicated. Requests may be emailed to office@peace-ucc.org or by calling the office at 262-626-4011. You may also share your prayer requests by writing them on the "Prayer Request" slip found in the pew in front of you and return them to the usher or place them in the offering plate.

Prayers for Healing:

Nancy Hovland continues to be hospitalized in Madison.

Jill Rhoads, who was diagnosed with cancer and had surgery to install a port on May 22. We pray for her as she faces many doctor visits in the next couple of weeks.

Kathy Mertz as she continues healing following a successful heart surgery.

Pastor Bob and Kay Blackburn's daughter, Rachel, as she recovers from emergency gall bladder surgery.

Rachel, niece of Christ Gudex, who was involved in a bicycle accident and broke her knee in two places.

Prayers of Comfort:

Joan Bassill, grandmother of Cheri Manthei who has entered hospice.

To the family and friends of Russ Oelhafer, who passed away on Saturday, May 20, 2023.