



Peace United Church of Christ

Rev. Eric Kirkegaard

30 May 2021

Trinity Sunday

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

WORSHIP SERVICE

Prelude

“Come Thou Fount”

Lorie Line

PLEASE hum or sing quietly to yourself: Hymn # 658 “Awesome God”

Em Bm7 Em Bm7 Em Bm7 Em Em D Unison

Our

The prelude is written in 2/2 time with a key signature of one sharp (F#). The melody is in the treble clef, and the bass line is in the bass clef. The melody consists of a series of eighth notes, with some chords indicated above the staff. The bass line consists of a simple eighth-note pattern.

C G D

God is an awe-some God, he reigns from

The first line of the hymn is written in 2/2 time with a key signature of one sharp (F#). The melody is in the treble clef, and the bass line is in the bass clef. The melody consists of quarter notes and eighth notes. The bass line consists of quarter notes. The lyrics are "God is an awe-some God, he reigns from".

Em D/E Em C G

heav-en a - bove with wis - dom, power and love—Our

The second line of the hymn is written in 2/2 time with a key signature of one sharp (F#). The melody is in the treble clef, and the bass line is in the bass clef. The melody consists of quarter notes and eighth notes. The bass line consists of quarter notes. The lyrics are "heav-en a - bove with wis - dom, power and love—Our".

Am Em B7 Repeat Ending Em D Song Ending Em

God is an awe-some God! Our God!

The ending of the hymn is written in 2/2 time with a key signature of one sharp (F#). The melody is in the treble clef, and the bass line is in the bass clef. The melody consists of quarter notes and eighth notes. The bass line consists of quarter notes. The lyrics are "God is an awe-some God! Our God!". There are two endings: "Repeat Ending" and "Song Ending".

Turning Our Hearts to God – Psalm 29

Praise the Lord, you divine beings.

Praise the Lord for his glory and strength.

Praise the Lord for the glory that belongs to him.

Worship the Lord because of his beauty and holiness.

The voice of the Lord is heard over the waters. The God of glory thunders.

The Lord thunders over the mighty waters. The voice of the Lord is powerful.

The voice of the Lord is majestic. The voice of the Lord breaks the cedar trees.

The Lord shatters the cedars of Lebanon into pieces. He makes the mountains of Lebanon skip like a calf.

He makes Mount Hermon jump like a young wild ox. The voice of the Lord strikes with flashes of lightning.

The voice of the Lord shakes the desert.

The Lord shakes the Desert of Kadesh.

The voice of the Lord twists the oak trees. It strips the forests bare. But in his temple everyone cries out, “Glory!”

The Lord on his throne rules over the floodwaters.

The Lord rules from his throne as King forever.

Let the Lord give strength to his people.

Let the Lord bless his people with peace.

Prayer of Confession

If we have become arrogant in defining your name as if you did not mind or it did not matter,

Have mercy on us, O God.

If we have settled into comfortable patterns of worship and prayer that limit your majesty and mystery,

Have mercy on us, O God.

If we make church a gathering place for one race, or one political ideology, or one set of beliefs about salvation,

Have mercy on us, O God.

And if we can see clearly the misuse others make of your name, yet are blind to our own malpractice,

Have mercy on us, O God.

Merciful Lord, when we are tempted to make our sanctuaries into religious clubhouses on earth, reclaim them as windows into heaven. When we are tempted to turn our faith into comfortable self-centered certainties, re-center us in the love that passes all understanding. Humbly we pray,

Silence for personal confession . . .

We pray to you as Jesus taught us: **“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.”**

Assurance of Pardon

In Christ Jesus, God reconciled the world to Himself, not counting our trespasses against us, but entrusting the message of reconciliation to us. (2 Cor. 5:19) I announce in the name of Jesus Christ, our sins are forgiven. Live as the beloved daughters and sons of God!

Alleluia and Amen!

PLEASE hum or sing quietly: The Gloria Patri

“Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost: as it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be, world without end. Amen, Amen.

The Passing of the Peace

Peace be with you

And also with you

Epistle

[Romans 8:12-17](#) (right click for link)

The Children's Time

PLEASE hum or sing quietly to yourself: "Jesus Loves Me, This I Know"

PLEASE hum or sing quietly to yourself:

#40

"For the Beauty of the Earth"

G $\frac{D7}{A}$ G $\frac{D}{F\#}$ G $\frac{C}{E}$ $\frac{D7}{F\#}$ G C $\frac{D}{C}$ $\frac{G}{B}$ C $\frac{G}{D}$ D G

1 For the beau - ty of the earth, for the glo - ry of the skies,
 2 For the won - der of each hour of the day and of the night,
 3 For the joy of hu - man love, broth - er, sis - ter, par - ent, child,
 4 For the church that ev - er - more lift - eth ho - ly hands a - bove,
 5 For thy - self, best gift di - vine, to our race so free - ly given;

G $\frac{D7}{A}$ G $\frac{D}{F\#}$ G $\frac{C}{E}$ $\frac{D7}{F\#}$ G C $\frac{D}{C}$ $\frac{G}{B}$ C $\frac{G}{D}$ D G

for the love which from our birth o - ver and a - round us lies,
 hill and vale and tree and flower, sun and moon and stars of light,
 friends on earth and friends a - bove; for all gen - tle thoughts and mild,
 of - fering up on ev - ery shore her pure sac - ri - fice of love,
 for that great, great love of thine, peace on earth and joy in heaven,

G $\frac{D}{F\#}$ G $\frac{D}{F\#}$ D G C $\frac{D}{C}$ $\frac{G}{B}$ $\frac{C}{E}$ $\frac{G}{D}$ D7 G

Lord of all, to thee we raise this our hymn of grate - ful praise.

WORDS: Folliott S. Pierpoint (1835-1917), alt.

MUSIC: Conrad Kocher (1786-1872); arr. William H. Monk (1823-1889)

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Old Testament Lesson [Isaiah 6:1-8](#) (right click for link)

Gospel [John 3:1-17](#) (right click for link)

Sermon “Beyond Certainties”

Special Music “Battle Hymn of the Republic” arr. Robert Vandall

Prayer of Dedication

Your mercy, O God, like your creation itself, cascades in blessings we'll never fully understand. Through what is offered here, receive all that is ours, in praise and thanksgiving for your saving love in Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

Pastoral Prayer

Prayer Response “Father, I Adore You”

***“Father, I adore you. Lay my life before you.
How I love you.
Jesus I adore you. Lay my life before you.
How I love you.
Spirit I adore you. Lay my life before you.
How I love you.”***

Benediction

For all that God can do within us, for all that God can do without us,

Thanks be to God!

For all in whom Christ lived before us, for all in whom Christ lives beside us,

Thanks be to God!

For all the Spirit wants to bring us, for where the Spirit wants to send us,

Thanks be to God!

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all, now and forever.

Alleluia and Amen!

PLEASE sing quietly to yourself, or hum:

#727 "America the Beautiful"

B \flat B \flat F F C Dm F F7 C F7 B \flat Bdim7 F7 C

1 O beau - ti - ful for spa - ci - ous skies, for am - ber waves of grain,
 2 O beau - ti - ful for pil - grim feet, whose stern, im - pas - sioned stress
 3 O beau - ti - ful for he - roes proved in lib - er - at - ing strife,
 4 O beau - ti - ful for pa - triot dream that sees be - yond the years

F B \flat Gm7 F C Fdim C E C C9 C7 G F C7 G F7 A

for pur - ple moun - tain maj - es - ties a - bove the fruit - ed plain!
 a thor - ough - fare for free - dom beat a - cross the wil - der - ness!
 who more than self their coun - try loved, and mer - cy more than life!
 thine al - a - bas - ter cit - ies gleam, un - dimmed by hu - man tears!

F7 B \flat B \flat B \flat F7sus F B \flat F7 F7 Eb F7 B \flat Eb B \flat

A - mer - i - ca! A - mer - i - ca! God shed his grace on thee,
 A - mer - i - ca! A - mer - i - ca! God mend thine ev - ery flaw,
 A - mer - i - ca! A - mer - i - ca! May God thy gold re - fine,
 A - mer - i - ca! A - mer - i - ca! God shed his grace on thee,

B \flat 7 Eb Cm7 B \flat F N.C. F7 B \flat

and crown thy good with broth - er - hood from sea to shin - ing sea!
 con - firm thy soul in self - con - trol, thy lib - er - ty in law!
 till all suc - cess be no - ble - ness, and ev - ery gain di - vine!
 and crown thy good with broth - er - hood from sea to shin - ing sea!

SERVING TODAY

Our Worship Team:

Karla Spaits
Sherry McElhatton
Elsa Kirkegaard

Sound: Josh Spaits
Video: Jake Lemke
Sexton: Roger Lindgren

Ministers: ALL OF YOU!

Altar Flowers: The flowers at today's services are from Della Lehmann in memory of Edward Lehmann and Kevin Lehmann.

Lectionary for Sunday, June 6 8 a.m. and 9:30 a.m. at **Peace Church**:
Second Sunday after Pentecost 1 Samuel 8:4-11, (12-15), 16-20, (11:14-15)
and Psalm 138 • Genesis 3:8-15 and Psalm 130 • 2 Corinthians 4:13-5:1 •
Mark 3:20-35

NEWS AND NOTES



KEYS! Did you lose a set of keys a couple of Sunday's ago after the 10:00 a.m. service? A set was found in the sanctuary next to the piano. Call the office at 262-626-4011 to claim.

Lectionary group at Peace Church – Contact the church if you are interested. Each week we will study the scripture for the upcoming Sunday. The group will meet Tuesday mornings at 10:00 a.m.

Summer Coffee Hour – Peace Church is looking for volunteers to assist with Summer Coffee Hour, which will begin on May 30th. Coffee Hour will be held outside on the lawn and gazebo after each service, weather permitting. If you are willing to help, please contact Kathy Charland at 262-483-7811/email: charland22056@gmail.com or call the church office at 262-626-4011 or email office@peace-ucc.org

Thank you Peace Church Congregation!

The Peace Church congregation has always been committed to our mission and has demonstrated that commitment over and over. **We thank all of you who have continued to send in your offerings – it is very much appreciated!**

We hope, that if you are able, you will continue to give to the church during this difficult time.

Here are ways to give to Peace:

- Mail your gift to church: The church address is: Peace UCC, PO Box 433, Kewaskum, WI 53040
- Give online by going to [GIVE](#) on our website. Scroll down to online giving and click the link and follow the directions.
- You can also set up automatic contributions with your bank. To do this just go to your bank's website or to call your local branch and they will assist you.

Soap Sale!

Peace Church has homemade soap for sale. Different scents are available for a suggested donation of \$4.00 per bar. The bars of soap are available at each entrance or call the church office to reserve yours. All proceeds go to the General Fund. A huge thank you to Karen Kletti and Mary Steinhardt for providing the homemade soap!

Altar Flowers – Peace Church has resumed taking altar flower orders. If you would like to honor a person or special event by purchasing the altar flowers for a particular Sunday, please send a check for \$20.00 to Peace Church along with the date and reason (e.g.: in memory of Jane Doe or in honor of John and Jane Doe 30th anniversary).

Phyllis Bade Memorial Service - A memorial service for Phyllis Bade will be held on Saturday, June 26 at 11:00 a.m. at Peace Church.

Worship at Peace Church

Updates from the Regathering Committee:

As a committee we agreed that we will continue following the guidelines of the CDC, the Wisconsin Department of Health Services, while using the local data

generated by the County Health Department. The guidance that we are receiving as churches has not updated following the latest guidance for mask requirements for vaccinated and unvaccinated people. We are continuing to follow the published capacity guidance based on our counties' Covid burden. This directs us to limit our activities to 25% of capacity (50 worshippers in the sanctuary, the worship leaders are in addition to that number). **We are not requiring sign-ups for services.** If we exceed our capacity, we have overflow capacity with a live stream in the both the Narthex and Fellowship Hall. We are certainly hoping that increased vaccinations and continued care will bring our county's Covid numbers down to a point where our advised capacities quickly increase.

The new **CDC guidance on masks removes all restrictions for those who are vaccinated.** As people of faith, we ask that you are mindful of those around you – we encourage small groups to check in with their members to make sure that they are comfortable with vaccinated people unmasking - try to come to a consensus that honors everyone. Vaccinated people are always welcome to wear a mask for further protection of themselves or others, but it will not be required.

For people who are unvaccinated, per CDC guidelines, masks are required over the mouth and nose at all times, and social distancing of 6 feet remains.

Prior to the updated guidance on masks, we were already trying to reintroduce as many parts of “normal” as we can in our present “new normal”:

- We are inviting people who are in worship to sing quietly or to hum.
 - We will be discussing the resumption of choir in the future.
- We will be resuming in-person Sunday School with our Summer Sunday School! beginning on June 13th during our 9:30 service.
- We will be returning to our normal service times of 8:00 and 9:30 beginning May 30th.
- Beginning May 30th we will reintroduce coffee hour in a new way. We will hold Coffee Hour outside on the lawn and gazebo after each service, weather permitting. If the weather is bad, we will not have coffee hour that day/service (we won't be moving our fellowship inside). If you are willing to help with this, please contact the church office.

- We are planning to hold Vacation Bible School in person the last week of July.
- We are inviting the XYZ club to return for their weekly cards and fellowship.
- We will welcome the resumption of any other groups as long as they/we abide by the current limits and guidelines.

There will be TWO SUNDAYS when we will plan to be in Riverhill Park:

- May 23rd with services at 8:00 a.m. and 10:00 a.m. Confirmation will be during the 10:00 a.m. service.
- August 1st we are hoping to hold our church Pignic beginning with one worship service at 9:30 a.m.
 - Very sadly our Pignic coordinator, Kevin Lehman, died unexpectedly. If anyone would be willing to step up to help with portions of the Pignic, please contact the Church Office.

We will continue streaming all worship services to our YouTube Channel at “Peace UCC Kewaskum” or you can find a link from our website: www.peace-ucc.org or through our Facebook page. We are also now streaming all funeral services and posting those online. And we have had a chance to stream and post our first Baptism! Check it out.

Please pay attention to the Service times as they have changed back to our pre-pandemic normal 8:00 am. and 9:30 am.

We encourage everyone to please continue to act with care and caution. We have been trying to take all practical steps toward mitigation of the pandemic as a Congregation, and now is certainly not the time to stop trying to be a part of the solution. Get vaccinated when you are able, this not only helps to protect yourself but also helps to reduce community spread and slow viral mutations. Please do your part in thinking about how your choices impact all of our community and our world. Our commitment is to continue seeking to love our neighbors as ourselves!

Music in the Park

presented by the Kewaskum Area Arts Council

Kewaskum River Hill Park

6:30 P.M.

Goodtime Dutchmen – June 15

Polka

Eclectic Fred and Friends – June 29

Variety

Downtowners – July 6

Big Band & Swing, 50's-60's Rock, Jazz & Blues

Sunrays – July 13

Eclectic Oldies

Scotch and Soda – July 20

Acoustic & Americana Rock, Classic, Pop, and Eclectic Rock

Community Open Mic! – July 27

For more information, contact christieeric35@gmail.com

The Verdict – August 10

Classic Rock

WhiskeyBelles – August 17

Vintage Country, Original

Please continue to follow health and safety guidelines from the CDC and County Health Department.

Food & beverage service begins at 5:30 pm
by the Kewaskum Fire Fighters Association



BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES

Happy Birthday May 30 – June 5

May 30 Jim Breitbach (85), Jenny Kivell, Caleb Reif

May 31 Judy Price (80)

June 1 Jessica Loser, Mary Steinhardt

June 2 Berit Kirkegaard

June 3 Ava Polzin (10)

Happy Anniversary May 30 – June 5

May 30 Matt & Jenny Kivell (12), Kevin & Laura Stautz (18)

June 1 Jason & Kelly Staffin (19)

June 3 Jerry & Kathy Shoemaker (49), Jeff & Mary Steger (43)

June 5 Kim & Cliff Clark (11), Ralph & Verna Faisst (67)

PRAYER LIST

Please let us know of any updates to the Prayer Lists

Those in Need of Healing: all shut-ins and those experiencing pain or loss

Members:

Harvey Brodzeller

Judy Christensen

Markus Frank

Betty Graff

John Herbst

Jim Meinberg

Joyce Meinberg

Marilyn McIntosh

Dennis Novotny

Jerry O'Connor

Kathy Rundquist

Michael Schmidt

Lorna Schwingle-Glass

Bev Winninghoff

Friends & Family:

Ezekiel

Lorrie (H. Bruenn)

Patricia Hohl

Debbie (Hallen)

Jeremy (Rodenkirch)

Alan Kuehl (J. Manthei)

Babette Rhoads

Bill Schuster (D. Stangl)

Betty Sook (J. Christensen)

Please keep us updated. Concerns will be listed for 6 weeks.

Those Dealing with Cancer:

Members: Laurie Struck, Carol Butzlaff, Dean Roe, Jim Roe, Joan Schleif, Heidi Rodenkirch

Friends & Family:

Betty (J. Michaels)	Sheri Theep (Van Beek)
Gary & Evelyn Beaupre	Jan (D. Stangl)
Jean Cornell (Herriges)	Sue Mitchell (Rhoads)
Nephew of Beck Ehmer	Paige More (Pearson)
Bonnie Erickson (Winninghoff)	Sharon Rosbeck (Herriges)
Kerri Estep (Atwater)	Dennis Liepert (J. Michaels)
Nancy Gruebling (Kletti)	Karl Schleunes (K. Grundahl)
Paula Hader (Adler)	Sandra Senn (P. Behring)
Kathy (S. Augustin family)	Russell Will (Will)
Zannah & Kendra (Lindgren)	

In Memoriam: A memorial service was held on May 23, 2021, in memory of Les Martin and his brother Robert, at Community Congregational UCC in Villa Park, Illinois. This is the church in which Les grew up. The family would like all memorials for Les to go to Peace UCC. Les' family would like to thank the members of Peace Church who cared for and about Les during his life and helped him to experience God's grace and compassion.

Those Serving our Country

Thank you to the following who are currently serving in the **Armed Forces**, for their courage, strength and dedication to keeping us safe:

Julia (Leithold) Beasley (Air Force)
Sgt. Tyler Graff (Air Force – Betty Graff grandson)
Spencer Guenther (Air Force – Van Ess nephew)
Kyle Henk (Army)
Matthew Jankowski (Army National Guard – Jackie McCurdy grandson)
Luke Linden (Army National Guard – Joanne Amerling grandson)
Major Erik Rundquist (Army)
Maggie Singer (Army National Guard)
Dallas Stolowski (Marine Corp. – Knoth grandson)

Ryan Wunsch (Army National Guard – McElhatton son-in-law)
Samuel Zemlicka-Retzlaff (Air Force)

Thank you to our Covenanted Partner in Ministry: Rev. Gretchen Martin who serves the wider church through her work with the North Carolina Organ Donor Network.

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