



Peace United Church of Christ

Rev. Eric Kirkegaard

9 May 2021

Sixth Sunday of Easter

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

“Kathy’s Song”

by David Austin

PLEASE hum or sing quietly to yourself: Hymn #706 - “I Come With Joy”

Unison

1 I come with joy, a child of God, for - giv - en,
2 I come with Chris - tians far and near to find, as
3 As Christ breaks bread, and bids us share, each proud di -
4 The Spir - it of the ris - en Christ, un - seen, but that
5 To - geth - er met, to - geth - er bound by all that

Chords: F, B \flat /F, F, C \sharp /F, F

loved and free, the life of Je - sus to re - call, in
all are fed, the new com - mu - ni - ty of love in
vi - sion ends. The love that made us, makes us one, and
ev - er near, is in such friend - ship bet - ter known, a -
God has done, we'll go with joy, to give the world the

Chords: Dm, Csus, Cm, B \flat , Am/C, Am, F/A

love laid down for me, in love laid down for me.
Christ's com - mun - ion bread, in Christ's com - mun - ion bread.
stran - gers now are friends, and stran - gers now are friends.
live a - mong us here, a - live a - mong us here.
love that makes us one, the love that makes us one.

Chords: Gm, Am7, F/A, B \flat , B \flat maj7, C(no3), Cm7, F

The Call to Worship – Psalm 98

Leader: May the peace and grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you all.

People: And also with you.

Leader: O sing to the LORD a new song, for he has done marvelous things. His right hand and his holy arm have gotten him victory. The LORD has made known his victory; he has revealed his righteousness to the nations.

People: He has remembered his steadfast love and faithfulness to the house of Israel. All the ends of the earth have seen the victory of our God.

Make a joyful noise to the LORD, all the earth; break forth into joyous song and sing praises.

Leader: Sing praises to the LORD with the lyre,

People: With the lyre and the sound of melody.

Leader: With trumpets and the sound of the horn

People: Make a joyful noise before the King, the LORD.

Leader: Let the sea roar, and all that fills it; the world and those who live in it.

People: Let the floods clap their hands; let the hills sing together for joy at the presence of the LORD, for he is coming to judge the earth.

All: *He will judge the world with righteousness, and the peoples with equity.*

Sing praises to the LORD!

Confessing Our Sins

Please join me as we confess our sins before God and each other:

Dear Lord, we confess that we have not treated everyone around us as we would like to be treated. So often we fail to live up to the expectations that you set for us: to love one another as you love us: listening to, supporting, respecting, every person as a beloved child of God. We sin against you

in thought, word, and deed. By what we do and by what we fail to do. Forgive us. In your name, gracious Lord, we pray. Amen.

Hearing the Good News

Our God loves with an unconditional love that accepts us as we are. God's Love for us is perfect! In Christ we are forgiven.

PLEASE hum or sing quietly to yourself: 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

Lesson

[1 John 5:1-6](#) (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:
#327 "Like the Murmur of the Dove's Song"

Unison $\frac{Bb}{C}$ F $\frac{G7}{D}$ C $\frac{C}{Bb}$ $\frac{F}{A}$ Dm7 G7

1 Like the mur - mur of the dove's song, like the chal - lenge of her
 2 To the mem - bers of Christ's bod - y, to the branch - es of the
 3 With the heal - ing of di - vi - sion, with the cease - less voice of

Csus C Am7 Gm Eb7 D $\frac{D}{C}$

flight, like the vig - or of the wind's rush, like the
 Vine, to the Church in faith as - sem - bled, to our
 prayer, with the power to love and wit - ness, with the

$\frac{Gm}{Bb}$ Gm F7 Bbmaj7 $\frac{Gm}{Bb}$ $\frac{C}{Bb}$ Am7 $\frac{C7}{A}$ Dm7 Gm7 C7 F

new flame's ea - ger might:
 midst as gift and sign: Come, Ho - ly Spir - it, come.
 peace be - yond com - pare:

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Lesson [Acts 10:44-48](#) (right click for link)
Gospel Lesson [John 15:9-17](#) (right click for link)
Sermon "Love Like Jesus..."
Special Music "Minuet in G" arr. by Bach
Prayer of Dedication

Beautiful Lord, Risen Savior, Brother Christ, we lift our voices to You in praise and thanks. All that we have and all that we are is a gift from you. Help us to remember and to celebrate what you have offered us. We give because you have given to us! Bless our gifts and guide us in Your service. Amen.

Pastoral Prayer – Silent 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 forth into the world, following Christ's command to love one another. May all who see you come to know that they, too, are children of God. And may the God of love enfold you and bless you in all that you do

People: **We go in God's love as children of God!**

Leader: Thanks be to God.

All: **Alleluia and Amen!**

PLEASE sing quietly to yourself, or hum:
#393 "Blest Be the Tie That Binds"

F C C7 F F7 Bb F C

1 Blest be the tie that binds our hearts in Chris-tian love;
 2 Be - fore our Fa - ther's throne we pour our ar - dent prayers;
 3 We share our mu - tual woes, each oth - er's bur - dens bear;
 4 From sor - row, toil, and pain, and sin we shall be free;

C7 F C C7 E F Bb F Bb E C7 F

the fel - low - ship of kin - dred minds is like to that a - bove.
 our fears, our hopes, our aims are one, our com-forts and our cares.
 and oft - en for each oth - er flows the sym - pa - thiz - ing tear.
 and per - fect love and friend-ship reign through all e - ter - ni - ty.

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WORDS: John Fawcett (1740-1817), alt.
 MUSIC: Johann G. Nægeli (1773-1836); arr. Lowell Mason (1792-1872)

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 S.M.

SERVING TODAY

Our Worship Team:

Karla Spaits
 Sherry McElhatton
 Elsa Kirkegaard

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

Ministers: ALL OF YOU!

Lectionary for Sunday, May 16 8 a.m. and 10:00 a.m. at **Peace Church**:
Seventh Sunday of Easter- Acts 1:15-17, 21-26 • Psalm 1 • 1 John 5:9-13
• John 17:6-19

CALENDAR – WEEK OF MAY 9, 2021

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 on May 11th at 10:00 a.m.

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.

Thank you all...and God Bless.

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!

Worship at Peace Church

Updates from the Regathering Committee:

Let me begin by continuing to acknowledge that every decision that we've made through the current pandemic is necessarily flawed. I am confident that in a couple of years we will have the hindsight and the depth of scientific understanding to know what actions were the most important for us to take, and which may have been unnecessary. This is, of course, the reality of science that is seeking to understand something that is "novel", new. It is very exciting to see how much we have learned in a short while, and at the same time we are seeing clearly that we are a society where we expect things to move even more rapidly than they are. Patience is a fragile virtue. Now is an extraordinary time to remember what scripture teaches us about loving one another:

You were called to freedom, brothers and sisters; only don't let this freedom be an opportunity to indulge your selfish impulses, but serve each other through love. All the Law has been fulfilled in a single statement: Love your neighbor as yourself. But if you bite and devour each other, be careful that you don't get eaten up by each other! ...the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control. There is no law against things like this. Those who belong to Christ Jesus have crucified self with its passions and desires.

Galatians 5:13-15, 22-24 (CEB)

We met again this last week to try to discern how to best keep moving forward with everyone's concerns in mind, as well as the overarching reality that we are continuing to navigate a pandemic. 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. At this time, the county numbers direct 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. Those numbers will also impact our resumption of other church activities.

We will continue to follow the CDC guidance that requires people to wear a mask that covers their mouth and nose whenever they are meeting in groups at church. We will continue social distancing, hand washing/sanitizing, and all those other mitigation measures to which we have all become accustomed.

We are 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 still will not have choirs at this time.
- We will be resuming in-person Sunday School with our Summer Sunday School! beginning on June 6th 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 will be changing back to our pre-pandemic normal 8:00 am. and 9:30 am. starting on May 30th.

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!



Altar Flowers – Peace Church will resume 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).

BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES

Happy Birthday May 9 – May 15

May 9 Brian Bobb, Michael McCurdy
May 10 Rosemary Frank (91)
May 11 Jack Paul, Nancy Stoffel
May 12 Cheri Falk, Carol Roe, Joyce Terlinden, Justin Zolp
May 13 Verna Faisst (93)
May 15 Lucille Swanson (87)

Happy Anniversary May 9 – May 15

May 10 Joanne & Ronald Amerling (52)
May 15 Robert & Barbara Breitag (45)

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
John Herbst
Joyce Meinberg
Marilyn McIntosh

Dennis Novotny
Jerry O'Connor
Chris Rode
Kathy Rundquist
Michael Schmidt

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)
Gary & Evelyn Beaupre
Jean Cornell (Herriges)
Nephew of Beck Ehmer
Bonnie Erickson (Winninghoff)
Kerri Estep (Atwater)
Nancy Gruebling (Kletti)
Paula Hader (Adler)
Zannah & Kendra (Lindgren)

Sheri Theep (Van Beek)
Jan (D. Stangl)
Sue Mitchell (Rhoads)
Paige More (Pearson)
Sharon Rosbeck (Herriges)
Dennis Liepert (J. Michaels)
Karl Schleunes (K. Grundahl)
Sandra Senn (P. Behring)
Russell Will (Will)

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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