



Peace United Church of Christ

Rev. Eric Kirkegaard

June 11, 2023

Second Sunday after Pentecost

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 “Amazing Grace/My Chains are Gone” Tomlin

GREETINGS/PRAYER REQUESTS

HYMN 94 “Shout to the Lord”

LIFTING OUR VOICES TO GOD – from Psalm 33

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

All: And also with you.

One: Sing joyfully to the LORD, you righteous; it is fitting for the upright to praise him. Sing to him a new song; play skillfully, and shout for joy.

All: For the word of the LORD is right and true; he is faithful in all he does. The LORD loves righteousness and justice; the earth is full of his unfailing love.

One: By the word of the LORD were the heavens made, their starry host by the breath of his mouth. He gathers the waters of the sea into jars; he puts the deep into storehouses.

All: Let all the earth fear the LORD; let all the people of the world revere him. For he spoke, and it came to be; he commanded, and it stood firm.

One: ... the plans of the LORD stand firm forever, the purposes of his heart through all generations.

All: Blessed is the nation whose God is the LORD, the people he chose for his inheritance.

CONFESSION OF SIN

One: Please lift up your hearts as we confess our sins before God.

All: Merciful God, we confess that we are slow to listen to your guidance in our lives. Your call goes unheeded because of our own selfish nature. We fail to see you reflected in all that is around us, we allow ourselves to ignore your

reflection in those who are different than us. We sin against you in thought word and deed, in what we do and in what we leave undone. Forgive us, and guide us on the right path - teach us to be humble in your service.

One: Please join me in the prayer that our Lord taught us by praying: **“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

One: Friends, believe the good news of the Lord

All: **God's love for us is undeserved and without end. In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.**

***RESPONSE 338 “King of Kings”**

***THE PASSING OF THE PEACE**

Peace be with you.

And also with you.

LESSON

Genesis 12:1-9

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

HYMN 350

“The Summons”

GOSPEL

Matthew 9:9-13

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SERMON

Vikar Jakob

SPECIAL MUSIC “There is Power in the Blood”

Lorrie Line

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

All: **We give thanks, O God, for all that you have given us. Pour out your blessing on all that we offer, that we might be a source of blessing in our church, in our community, and in our world.**

Through this act of sharing, may we counter fear with hope and transform scarcity through generosity. Amen.

PASTORAL PRAYER

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 "Go Make Disciples"

**Go, make disciples, baptizing them, teaching them.
Go, make disciples, for I am with you 'til the end of time.
Go, be the salt of the earth. Go, be the light of the world.
Go, be a city on a hill so all can see that you're serving
me. Go, make disciples.**

POSTLUDE

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 in honor of Howard & Connie Zemlicka's 62nd wedding anniversary. The flowers next to the altar are in memory of Elizabeth Bobb's husband, Craig Bobb,

Lectioary for June 18 - Genesis 18:1-15, (21:1-7) and Psalm 116:1-2, 12-19 • Exodus 19:2-8a and Psalm 100 • Romans 5:1-8 • Matthew 9:35-10:8, (9-23)



NEWS & NOTES



Happy Birthday June 11 - 17

June 11 Doug Christensen (81), Bruce Steinhardt
June 12 John Lemke, Sr. (80), Kylie Van Beek
June 13 Terry Buss, Mary Glenn, Stephanie Waugh
June 14 Kim Bocher
June 15 Mackenzie Herbst
June 17 Zachary Augustin, Ruth Henk

Happy Anniversary – June 11 - 17

June 11 Joe & Mary Billmann (57)

June 12 Russ & Rose Marie Knoth (53), Pat & Al Schnepf (25)

June 14 Bill & Lori Hartman (37)

Correction – Chris & Gil DeLaurier celebrated their 38th anniversary on June 8th!

Calendar for the Week of June 11, 2023

6/13 Lectionary 10 a.m., Church Council 6:00 p.m.

6/14 XYZ Cards, Banned Book Club 1:30 pm, Habitat Trip Meeting 6:30 pm, Church Directory Photos 9am-1pm & 4-7pm

Summer worship is at 9:00 am - through Labor Day. Come and celebrate being gathered as one family of God.

Midweek worship! 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. Come and be a part of experiencing/imagining how we create a new worship experience at Peace UCC.

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.**

Pastoral Relations Survey - The annual evaluation of Pastor Eric will take place during the month of June. The evaluation was skipped last year because Pastor Eric was away on Sabbatical for 4 months. The surveys for church members to fill out anonymously (or signed) are available at 3 locations in church - the Narthex, by the Elevator entrance in the Sanctuary, and in the entry area coming in from the parking lot. People can pick them up from one of these 3 locations, take them home and then return them to one of these locations and put their filled-out form in the drop-off slot in the boxes. These boxes and the forms will be in place on Sunday, June 4th and will remain in place throughout the month of June. The Pastoral Relations team will go through the returned forms and tally up the results at our August 21st meeting.

Thank you to our Family at Peace Church – Kathy & Roger Mertz would like to thank everyone at Peace church for the prayers, food, cards, and well-wishes. We really appreciate it all!

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: Continued prayers for Jill Rhoads as she starts her chemo treatment. Jill would like to thank everyone at Peace Church for the prayers and the prayer shawl she received.

a place
to sing
to share
to pray
to grow
together.

SACRED

Space

Wednesdays, 7 pm @ Peace Church