



Peace United Church of Christ
Rev. Eric Kirkegaard
June 25, 2023
Fourth 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

GREETING AND PRAYER REQUESTS

HYMN 652 “This is the Day”

PRAYING WITH THE PSALMIST – from Psalm 86:1-10, 16-17

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

All: **And also with you.**

One: Hear, O LORD, and answer me, for I am poor and needy. Guard my life, for I am devoted to you.

All: **You are my God; save your servant who trusts in you. Have mercy on me, O Lord, for I call to you all day long.**

One: Bring joy to your servant, for to you, O Lord, I lift up my soul.

All: **You are forgiving and good, O Lord, abounding in love to all who call to you. Hear my prayer, O LORD; listen to my cry for mercy.**

One: In the day of my trouble I will call to you, for you will answer me. Among the gods there is none like you, O Lord; no deeds can compare with yours.

All: **All the nations you have made will come and worship before you, O Lord; they will bring glory to your name. For you are great and do marvelous deeds; you alone are God.**

One: Turn to me and have mercy on me; grant your strength to your servant and save the son of your maidservant.

All: **Give me a sign of your goodness, that my enemies may see it and be put to shame, for you, O LORD, have helped me and comforted me.**

CONFESSION OF SIN

One: We lift up our voices and humble our hearts as we confess our sin before God.

All: **Merciful God, it is difficult to follow your ways. It's hard to be bold in our witness when faith-values seem unpopular. It's hard to be extravagant in our love for all, when our nature so easily embraces our own needs before those of others. It's hard to remember that each of us belonged to you before we were our own.**

Forgive us for when we fail to love you with all our heart, and soul, and mind, and for when we fail to love our neighbors as ourselves. For what we do, and for what we fail to do, we confess our brokenness to you. Please help us now and forever to be more open and understanding of others in all of their diversity, and humbly guide us in your paths.

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: God's love is unconditional always seeing in us the blessings and the possibilities with which we were created.

All: **Through that love made known to us 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 21:8-21

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

HYMN 83 "Children of the Heavenly Father"

GOSPEL

Matthew 10:24-39

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SERMON

SPECIAL MUSIC

***THE DOXOLOGY**

**Praise God from whom all blessings flow,
Praise God, all creatures here below:
Praise God for all that love has done:
Creator, Christ, and Spirit, One.**

***PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

All: Precious Lord, we give thanks for all that you have given us. We remember with our offerings that everything in our lives is a gift from you. We challenge ourselves to live the power of that gift. Amen.

PASTORAL PRAYER-SILENT 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 344 "I Have Decided to Follow Jesus"

POSTLUDE

Serving Today: Musicians: Karla Spaits, Mia Dornacker; Litanist: Jackie McCurdy; Video: Katelynn Scannell; Audio: Josh Spaits

Today's Altar Flowers are in honor of Dave & Marlene Domasky's 50th Wedding Anniversary from their family.

NEWS & NOTES

Lectionary for July 2 - Genesis 22:1-14 and Psalm 13 • Romans 6:12-23 • Matthew 10:40-42

Happy Birthday June 25 – July 1

June 26 Amber Charland, Connor Lemke
June 27 Bonnie Clark, Dave Domasky (84)
June 28 William Butzlaff, Darrel Nonhof (88)
June 30 William Loser, Greg Vorpahl
July 1 Rachel Kluever (85), Tom Schleif (89)

Happy Anniversary – June 25 – July 1

June 25 John & Jeanne Wood (63)

Calendar for the Week of June 25, 2023

6/27 Lectionary 10 a.m., Church Council 6:00 p.m.
6/28 XYZ Cards, Lay Caregiving Mtg 1pm,
Sacred Space Worship 7 pm

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

Midweek worship! Sacred Space on **Wednesday evening at 7:00 p.m. will be at Faith Haven** this upcoming week! We are trying an outdoors place for our experimental worship service. Faith Haven is a Christian trail park operated by St. John's church in West Bend and you will find it on **Town Line Rd.** Please use the south entrance just next to 7558 Town Line Rd. and drive down the gravelroad. You can park on the grass right next to where we will gather. There will be some seats there; if you have a portable seat, feel free to bring it with you. Pets are allowed, but per property rules only on a leash. If you need help finding the place or have other questions, don't hesitate to call **Jakob** (262-353-8840) or **Josh** (303-565-6549). (If there is rain on that day, we will gather at Peace Church as usual.)

Feed Our Kids – Peace Church will be hosting a Youth Breakfast starting on Thursday, July 6th and running every Tuesday and Thursday morning (9 am – 11 am) through August. Children will have a hardy breakfast two days a week and will go home with packed lunches. The Kewaskum Kiwanis Club and

area community businesses will fund this program. For more information, please contact Kathy Charland.

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.

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:

For Jim Balistreri, dear friend of Karen Vernal and Tom Kolb. Jim is undergoing treatment for lung cancer.

Katie Reigle as she continues healing from Colon Cancer surgery and they discern the next steps in care.

For John Grundahl's cousin, Pastor Steve Engelstad, who had an accident and fractured his C5 and C6 bones and separated his shoulder. He had surgery this past Wednesday and will be starting rehab near his home in Arizona.

For Kim Clark, who will be having knee replacement surgery on Monday, June 19th.

Michael Hirn, cousin of Cathy Stern. Michael was admitted to the hospital on Sunday, June 18th after experiencing chest pains and is undergoing tests to find the cause.

Hello Peace UCC Members & Friends,

PLEASE RESPOND

It is time to begin planning your very helpful donation(s) for the 2023 PIGNIC Raffle.

Please bring YOUR item(s) to the church CHOIR ROOM on or before SUNDAY July 9th.

We need basket donations OR individual item(s).

BIG thanks to those who have already donated!

CONTACT: Kathy & Jerry Shoemaker via Peace Office 262-626-4011 [office@peace-](mailto:office@peace-ucc.org)

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UNACCEPTABLE: Adult Clothing, Rummage Sale Items, Furniture, Vintage Dish Sets.

ACCEPTABLE: Re-Gifting of new unopened/undamaged gifts.

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| Cash | Gift Card: Gas, Store, Credit, Service, Grocery |
| Garden or Home Art | Electronic equip. or games |
| Autographed Items | Bird house, feeder, seed |
| Food, Snack Basket | Picnic Supplies, Coolers, Utensils. |
| Theme Basket Child or Adult | Make-Up Beauty items |
| Pet items/supplies | Toys Games-Indoor/Outdoor |
| Tickets to Events or Attractions: | Game Equipment Indoor/Outdoor |
| Packer, Brewer, Bucks, Badger Gear | Golf-Eat-Entertainment-Travel |
| Sweatshirt, Hat, T-Shirt | Company Product Basket |
| Bikes, Scooters, Skates | Hunting -Fishing gear/supplies |
| Holiday basket | Car supplies |
| Tools, Supplies | Cleaning, Kitchen, Bathroom supplies |
| Handmade Items Wood, Ceramic, Cloth, Painting, Scarves, Hats, Mittens | |
| Quilted, Crochet, Cross-Stitched Items. | |

PIGNIC BUCKET RAFFLE DONATED ITEMS

For our 2023 PIGNIC place YOUR donated item(s) in the Choir room.

Attach this tag to YOUR item(s).

Kathy & Jerry Shoemaker via Peace Office 262-626-4011 office@peace-ucc.org

Donor: _____ Phone: _____

Please PRINT Item(s) or Service(s) Value (Optional)

THANK YOU!