



Peace United Church of Christ
Rev. Eric Kirkegaard
June 4, 2023
Trinity 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

“You Raise Me Up”

Lovland

GREETINGS/PRAYER REQUESTS

*HYMN 23 “All Creatures of Our God and King”

TURNING OUR HEARTS TO GOD – PSALM 8

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

All: And also with you.

One: O LORD, our Lord, how majestic is your name in all the earth! You have set your glory above the heavens. From the lips of children and infants you have ordained praise.

All: When I behold your heavens, the work of your fingers, the moon and the stars, which you have set in place, what are human beings that you are mindful of them, mortals that you care for them?

One: Yet you have made them a little lower than the heavenly beings and crowned them with glory and honor.

All: You made them masters over the works of your hands; you put everything under their feet: all flocks and herds, and the beasts of the field, the birds of the air, and the fish of the sea, all that swim the paths of the seas.

All: O LORD, our Lord, how majestic is your name in all the earth!

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

All: God of Glory, Grace and Wisdom: you have made us in your image, but we do not always show your gracious face.

We are called to follow the Christ, but fatigued by the stresses of our lives, we often do not have energy or enthusiasm.

And when we see the Spirit standing with the oppressed and outcast, we too often turn and walk the other way.

(time for silent prayer)

One: Creator God, Master of the Universe:

All: have mercy on us;

One: Jesus Christ, Brother and Sister to the poor:

All have mercy on us;

One Holy Spirit, Comfort of the broken-hearted:

All have mercy on us.

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

One: God's mercy is boundless. Know the forgiveness and love of God that draws us into beloved relationship, offered and embodied in our triune God, creator, redeemer, and sustainer.

All: Glory be to God. Amen.

***A RESPONSE OF HALLELUJA** "Hal-le, hal-le, hal-le, lu-ja"

***PASSING OF THE PEACE**

The peace of Christ be with you.

And also with you.

SPECIAL MUSIC "Shine, Jesus, Shine" Kendrick
Chancel Choir

LESSON Genesis 1:1-2:4a

THE CHILDREN'S TIME - As the children come forward, please sing Hymn 226 "Jesus Loves Me" vs. 1

HYMN 502 "Be Thou My Vision"

GOSPEL Matthew 28:16-20

SERMON "Imagine That? Why Our Spirituality Needs the Trinity"

SPECIAL MUSIC "It Is Well with My Soul" arr. Bliss

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

All: We give thanks, O God, for all that you have given us. Pour out your blessing on our offerings, that they 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.

We offer this prayer in the name of the Creator, the Christ and the Holy Spirit. Amen.

PASTORAL PRAYER

THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

THE INVITATION – *all God's children are welcome to receive communion with us regardless of denomination or creed. This is Christ's table where all are invited to come and share God's love.*

A: The Lord be with you.

PEOPLE: And also with you.

A: Lift up your hearts.

PEOPLE: We lift them to the Lord.

A: Let us give thanks to God Most High.

PEOPLE: It is right to give God thanks and praise.

B: Holy God, our loving Creator, close to us as breathing and distant as the farthest star, we thank you for your constant love for all you have made.

A: We thank you for all that sustains life, for all people of faith in every generation who have given themselves to your will, and especially for Jesus Christ, whom you have sent from your own being as our Savior.

B: We praise you for Christ's birth, life, death, and resurrection, and for the calling forth of your church for its mission in the world.

A: Gifted by the presence of your Holy Spirit, we offer ourselves to you as we unite our voices with the entire family of your faithful people everywhere:

Response 737 "Santo, Santo, Santo"

Holy, Holy, Holy, my heart, my heart adores you.

My heart is glad to say the words: you are Holy, Lord!

Santo, santo, santo, mi corazon te adora.

Mi Corazon te sabe decir: santo eres Señor!

PRAYER OF CONSECRATION

B: Merciful God, as sisters and brothers in faith, we recall anew these words and acts of Jesus Christ. Now as they were eating, Jesus took bread, and blessed, and broke it, and gave it to the disciples and said: "Take, eat: This is my body."

A: Jesus took a cup, and after giving thanks, gave it to the disciples and said: "Drink of it, all of you; for this is my blood of the covenant, which is poured out for many for the forgiveness of sins."

B: Come, Holy Spirit, come. Bless this bread and bless this fruit of the vine. Bless all of us in our eating and drinking at this table that our eyes may be opened, and we may recognize the risen Christ in our midst, in each other, and in all for whom Christ died.

Add in any special intentions for the day...

THE 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 debts, as we forgive our debtors, and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, for ever. Amen.

B: Come for all things are ready. The gifts of God, for the people of God.

HYMN 697

“Eat This Bread”

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

O God, in this simple meal you come to us again. You share yourself and your sustaining Spirit with our hungering souls. In the broken bread and the shared cup, the good news is proclaimed. Christ was born, Christ has died, Christ has risen, Christ will come again. Amen

BENEDICTION - from 2 Corinthians 13:11-13

One: Finally, brothers and sisters, farewell. Put things in order, listen to my appeal, agree with one another, live in peace; and the God of love and peace will be with you. Greet one another with a holy kiss. All the saints greet you.

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

One: Go in peace, serve the Lord.

All: **We go to love and to serve, for we are the church.**

***HYMN 289** “Alleluia, Alleluia! Hearts to Heaven” vs 1 & 4

POSTLUDE

Serving Today: Musicians: Karla Spaits, Mia Dornacker, Elsa Kirkegaard; Litanist: Mugs McFadden; Video: David Dorn; Audio: Josh Spaits

Today's Altar Flowers are donated by Roger & Kathy Mertz in honor of Vikar Jakob's birthday.

Lectionary for June 11 - Genesis 12:1-9 and Psalm 33:1-12 • Hosea 5:15-6:6 and Psalm 50:7-15 • Romans 4:13-25 • Matthew 9:9-13, 18-26

NEWS & NOTES

Happy Birthday June 4 – June 10

- June 3 Vikar Jakob Kröner
June 4 John Oswald
June 7 Bill Stangl
June 8 Jackie McCurdy (85)

Happy Anniversary – June 4 – June 10

- June 4 Melissa & Gary Sandvig (28)
June 5 Kim & Cliff Clark (13)
June 7 Paul & Shirley Reinders (65)
June 8 Chris & Gil DeLaurier (24)
Mike & Sherry McElhatton (38)
June 9 Mark & Kim Bocher (33)
June 10 Howard & Connie Zemlicka (62)

Calendar for the Week of June 4, 2023

- 6/6 Lectionary 10 a.m.
6/7 XYZ Cards, Book Club 9:30 am, Community Meal 4:30 pm, *Sacred Space 7:00 pm
*(Sacred Space will take place every Wednesday evening at 7 pm in Fellowship Hall. This service will be less formal, more interactive, uplifting music. Come and be part of experiencing & imagining how we create a new worship experience at Peace UCC.)
6/8 Grief Group 1 pm

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.

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.**

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:

Gloria Liepert, who was recently hospitalized.

Prayers for Comfort: to the family and friends of Joan Bassill, grandmother of Cheri Manthei. Joan passed away on May 30th.

Blessing and Celebrating the Class of 2023: Zachary Augustin, Shelby Falk, Kolton Hauch, Hunter Loser, Samantha Mielke, Megan Roehrig, Ethan Singer