

Peace United Church of Christ

Rev. Eric Kirkegaard 6 June 2021 Second Sunday after Pentecost 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

"Somewhere in Time Theme"

John Barry

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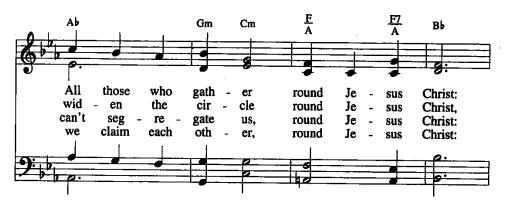


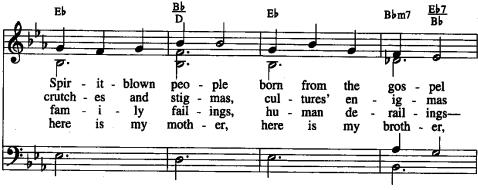
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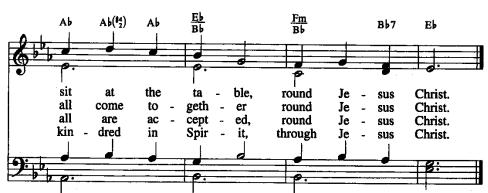
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Call to Worship - Lavon Baylor from Psalm 138

Gather to give thanks with your whole heart.

Rejoice in God's love and faithfulness.

We bow down, for this is God's holy temple.

We pour out our thanks in songs of praise.

God answers us when we call.

Our Creator increases our strength of soul.

Great is the glory of our God! We rejoice in God's steadfast love.

Wait for God, and hope in God's Word.

Open your hearts to the holy presence in our midst.

Our ears are attentive to the voice of God.

We open our lives to God's direction.

Invocation

Our souls wait for you, O God. Our ears are attentive to your word. We hope for a clear understanding of your will for us. Let this time of meeting draw us together in unity, with a sense of direction and purpose for our church and our individual lives. Renew us within so that nothing we face around us can undermine our faith or cause us to despair. Claim us all as sisters and brothers of Jesus Christ, and help us to reflect this kinship in all we do or say. **Amen.**

Call to Confession

God does not forsake us, but we often choose other rulers. We abdicate responsibility for our own lives, in relation to our Creator, turning instead to popular people and ideas as our hope. In worship, we are recalled to our primary accountability to God.

Prayer of Confession

We confess, O God, that we often act as if we know better than you what is right for us. We make decisions without considering your larger purposes. Our own convenience and desires are more important to us than your commands. We go our own way and then blame others for our mistakes. Our inner confusion creates division and brokenness. We hide from you rather than admitting our needs. O God, we want to face our sin and find forgiveness. Help us! Amen.

Assurance of Forgiveness

The One who raised Jesus from the dead offers us new life today. Our sins are forgiven. Our inner nature is being renewed. God does not forsake us. We are the work of God's hands, the object of steadfast love. Meet the world with the assurance that you are loved, valued, and empowered as an ambassador of God's eternal realm.

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

2 Corinthians 4:13-5:1 (right click for link)

The Children's Time

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

Blessing and Celebrating the Class of 2021 – Rachel Anderson, Brianna Augustin, Holly Henk, Elsa Kirkegaard, Kiley May, Rachel Mielke, Anna Piittmann, Aaron Singer, Blake Weisser, and Lucas Zangl

Gracious God, we celebrate the blessings that each of these students offer to us and to the world. Watch over these your beloved children in all their days to come. Bless them and help them to always know the support and the love that this family of God holds for them. Grant that their faith, our care, and God's love may always be a steady rock wherever their journeys may lead them. In Jesus' name we pray.

PLEASE hum or sing quietly:





Gospel Mark 3:20-35 (right click for link)

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Sermon "Binding the Strong Man"

Special Music "O Father in Heaven" Larry Mayfield

Prayer of Dedication

Gracious Christ, we open our lives to Your spirit. We offer ourselves, our labors, our love, all that we are, to You and to Your world. Take our hands as you receive our gifts and grant us new life as your servants. Amen.

The Sacrament of Holy Communion

Prayer of Consecration

PLEASE hum or sing quietly: #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, mi corazon te adora.

Mi corazon te sabe decir: santo eres Senor.

Sharing Christ's Story

Prayer of Thanksgiving (in unison)

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

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 to serve God with gladness; be of good courage; hold fast to that which is good; render to no one evil for evil; strengthen the fainthearted; support the weak; help the afflicted; honor all people; love and serve God, rejoicing in the power of the Holy Spirit.

Go in peace, serve the Lord.

Many:

We go to love and to serve for we are the church, Alleluia and Amen.

PLEASE sing quietly to Hymn #719 Go, My Children, with My Blessing



SERVING TODAY

Our Worship Team:

Karla Spaits
Sherry McElhatton
Elsa Kirkegaard
Litanist: Gayle Van Ess
Sound: Josh Spaits
Video: Jake Lemke

Sexton: Roger Lindgren

Ministers: ALL OF YOU!

<u>Altar Flowers</u>: The flowers at today's services are from the Lehmann family in memory of Edward Lehmann. ♥

Lectionary for Sunday, June 13th 8 a.m. and 9:30 a.m. at **Peace Church**: Third Sunday after Pentecost: 1 Samuel 15:34 - 16:13 and Psalm 20 • Ezekiel 17:22-24 and Psalm 92:1-4, 12-15 • 2 Corinthians 5:6-10, (11-13), 14-17 • Mark 4:26-34

NEWS AND NOTES

<u>Lectionary group at Peace Church</u> – Each week we gather together to study the scripture for the upcoming Sunday. The group meets Tuesday mornings at 10:00 a.m. in Fellowship Hall.

<u>Summer Coffee Hour</u> – 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 <u>GIVE</u> 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!

<u>Altar Flowers</u> – 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).

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

Church Decorating Committee

Peace Church is looking for two or more volunteers to help decorate the church during specific seasons of the church year or at special events, please call the church office if you would like to be part of this committee. This is not a time-consuming committee and you can be part of making Peace Church a warm and welcoming place!

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. We are continuing to follow the published capacity guidance based on our counties' Covid burden. The County Burden has finally decreased to the point where we can expand our activities to 50% of capacity! (100 worshippers in the sanctuary, the worship leaders are in addition to that number). 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 continue to bring our county's Covid numbers down to a point where our advised capacities keep increasing.

The new CDC guidance on masks removes all restrictions for those who are <u>vaccinated</u>. 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 <u>unvaccinated</u>, 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 have returned to our normal service times of 8:00 and 9:30.
- We have reintroduced 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 at this time). 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.

We will plan to be in Riverhill Park again on August 1st for some form of our church Pignic. That Sunday we will have only one worship service at 9:30 a.m.

 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.

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 **June 6 – June 12**

June 7 Bill Stangl

Jackie McCurdy (83) June 8

June 10 Tracy Hauch, Andrew Jankowski, Mikaela Seely, Reeve Thull

June 11 Doug Christensen, Bruce Steinhardt

John Lemke Sr., Kylie Van Beek June 12

Happy Anniversary June 6 – June 12

Paul & Shirley Reinders (63) June 7

Mike & Sherry McElhatton (36) June 8

Mark & Kim Bocher (31) June 9

June 10 Howard & Connie Zemlicka (60)

Joe & Mary Billmann (55) June 11

June 12 Duane & Vicki Fenrick (45), Russ & Rose Marie Knoth (51),

Pat & Al Schnepf (23)

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 **Dennis Novotny** Judy Christensen Jerry O'Connor Markus Frank Sandi Radeztsky

Kathy Rundquist **Betty Graff** John Herbst Michael Schmidt

Lorna Schwingle-Glass Jim Meinberg

Joyce Meinberg **Bev Winninghoff**

Marilyn McIntosh

Friends & Family:

Ezekiel Alan Kuehl (J. Manthei)

Lorrie (H. Bruenn) Babette Rhoads

Patricia Hohl Bill Schuster (D. Stangl)
Debbie (Hallen) Betty Sook (J. Christensen)

Jeremy (Rodenkirch) Colin Volm

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)

Kathy (S. Augustin family)

Zannah & Kendra (Lindgren)

Gary & Evelyn Beaupre

Sheri Theep (Van Beek)

Jean Cornell (Herriges) Jan (D. Stangl)

Nephew of Beck Ehmer Sue Mitchell (Rhoads) Bonnie Erickson (Winninghoff) Paige More (Pearson)

Kerri Estep (Atwater)

Nancy Gruebling (Kletti)

Paula Hader (Adler)

Sharon Rosbeck (Herriges)

Dennis Liepert (J. Michaels)

Sandra Senn (P. Behring)

Kathy Jarolimek (Henk) 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)

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.

PEACE CHURCH CONTACT INFORMATION

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Gayle Van Ess, Faith Formation Coordinator 262-339-0304

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Peace Church Prayer Chain - prayers@peace-ucc.org

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