



# **Peace United Church of Christ**

Rev. Eric Kirkegaard

6 June 2021

Second Sunday after Pentecost

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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*

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# WORSHIP SERVICE

Prelude

“Somewhere in Time Theme”

John Barry

**PLEASE** hum or sing quietly:

**#602**

“Who Is My Mother, Who Is My Brother”

Unison *E<sup>b</sup>* *D* *E<sup>b</sup>* *B<sup>b</sup>7* *E<sup>b</sup>*

1 Who is my moth - er, who is my broth - er?  
 2 Dif - ferent - ly a - bled, dif - ferent - ly la - beled  
 3 Love will re - late us— col - or or sta - tus  
 4 Bound by one vis - ion, met for one mis - sion

*A<sup>b</sup>* *G<sup>m</sup>* *C<sup>m</sup>* *F* *F<sup>7</sup>* *B<sup>b</sup>*  
*A* *A*

All those who gath - er round Je - sus Christ:  
 wid - en the cir - cle round Je - sus Christ,  
 can't seg - re - gate us, round Je - sus Christ:  
 we claim each oth - er, round Je - sus Christ:

*E<sup>b</sup>* *B<sup>b</sup>* *E<sup>b</sup>* *B<sup>b</sup>m7* *E<sup>b</sup>7*  
*D* *B<sup>b</sup>*

Spir - it - blown peo - ple born from the gos - pel  
 crutch - es and stig - mas, cul - tures' en - ig - mas  
 fam - i - ly fail - ings, hu - man de - rail - ings—  
 here is my moth - er, here is my broth - er,

*A<sup>b</sup>* *A<sup>b</sup>(<sup>#4</sup>)* *A<sup>b</sup>* *E<sup>b</sup>* *F<sup>m</sup>* *B<sup>b</sup>7* *E<sup>b</sup>*  
*B<sup>b</sup>* *B<sup>b</sup>*

sit at the ta - ble, round Je - sus Christ.  
 all come to - geth - er round Je - sus Christ.  
 all are ac - cept - ed, round Je - sus Christ.  
 kin - dred in Spir - it, through Je - sus Christ.

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:

Hymn #696

"Come Share the Lord"

1 We gath-er here in Je - sus' name, his love is burn-ing in our  
2 He joins us here, he breaks the bread, the Lord who pours the cup is  
3 We'll gath-er soon where an - gels sing; we'll see the glo - ry of our

hearts like liv - ing flame; for through his lov - ing Son the Fa - ther  
ris - en from the dead; the one we love the most is now our  
Lord and com - ing King; now we an - tic - i - pate the feast for

makes us one: come, take the bread, come, drink the wine, come, share the Lord.  
gra - cious host: come, take the bread, come, drink the wine, come, share the Lord.  
which we wait: come, take the bread, come, drink the wine, come, share the Lord.

(1) No one is a stran - ger here, ev - ery - one be - longs;  
(2) We are now a fam - i - ly of which the Lord is head;

to verses 2 and 3

find - ing our for - give-ness here, we in turn for-give all wrongs.  
 though un - seen he meets us here in the break - ing of the bread.

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Gospel

[Mark 3:20-35](#) (right click for link)

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, 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 hungry 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

F  $\frac{F}{A}$  B $\flat$   $\frac{F}{A}$  Gm  $\frac{Gm}{B\flat}$  C  $\frac{F}{A}$  B $\flat$  B $\flat$   $\frac{Am}{C}$  C7 F

1 Go, my chil-dren, with my bless-ing, nev - er a - lone.  
 2 Go, my chil-dren, sins for - giv - en, at peace and pure.  
 3 Go, my chil-dren, fed and nour-ished, clos - er to me;  
 4 I, the Lord, will bless and keep you and give you peace;

F  $\frac{F}{A}$  B $\flat$   $\frac{F}{A}$  Gm  $\frac{Gm}{B\flat}$  C  $\frac{F}{A}$  B $\flat$  B $\flat$   $\frac{Am}{C}$  C7 F

Wak - ing, sleep - ing, I am with you; you are my own.  
 Here you learned how much I love you, what I can cure.  
 grow in love and love by serv - ing, joy - ful and free.  
 I, the Lord, will smile up - on you and give you peace:

B $\flat$  F B $\flat$   $\frac{F}{A}$  B $\flat$  Cm B $\flat$  F Gm  $\frac{F}{A}$   $\frac{Gm}{B\flat}$  Dm Gm9  $\frac{Gm}{B\flat}$

In my love's bap - tis - mal riv - er I have made you mine for  
 Here you heard my dear Son's sto - ry; here you touched him, saw his  
 Here my Spir - it's pow - er filled you; here his ten - der com - fort  
 I, the Lord, will be your Fa - ther, Sav - ior, Com - fort - er, and

$\frac{F}{C}$  C  $\frac{F}{A}$  B $\flat$   $\frac{F}{A}$  Gm  $\frac{Gm}{B\flat}$  C  $\frac{F}{A}$  B $\flat$  B $\flat$   $\frac{Am}{C}$  C7 F

ev - er. Go, my chil-dren, with my bless-ing— you are my own.  
 glo - ry. Go, my chil-dren, sins for - giv - en, at peace and pure.  
 stilled you. Go, my chil-dren, fed and nour-ished, joy - ful and free.  
 Broth - er. Go, my chil-dren, I will keep you and give you peace.

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## *SERVING TODAY*

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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!

**Altar Flowers**: 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

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## *NEWS AND NOTES*

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**Lectionary group at Peace Church** – 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.

**Summer Coffee Hour** – 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](mailto:charland22056@gmail.com) or call the church office at 262-626-4011 or email [office@peace-ucc.org](mailto: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 [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.

### **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!

**Altar Flowers** – 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 30<sup>th</sup> anniversary).

**Phyllis Bade Memorial Service** - 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 vaccinated**. 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 unvaccinated, 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](http://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](mailto: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



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## ***BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES***

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### **Happy Birthday      June 6 – June 12**

June 7     Bill Stangl  
June 8     Jackie McCurdy (83)  
June 10    Tracy Hauch, Andrew Jankowski, Mikaela Seely, Reeve Thull  
June 11    Doug Christensen, Bruce Steinhardt  
June 12    John Lemke Sr., Kylie Van Beek

### **Happy Anniversary      June 6 – June 12**

June 7     Paul & Shirley Reinders (63)  
June 8     Mike & Sherry McElhatton (36)  
June 9     Mark & Kim Bocher (31)  
June 10    Howard & Connie Zemlicka (60)  
June 11    Joe & Mary Billmann (55)  
June 12    Duane & Vicki Fenrick (45), Russ & Rose Marie Knoth (51),  
              Pat & Al Schnepf (23)

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## ***PRAYER LIST***

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**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  
Betty Graff  
John Herbst  
Jim Meinberg  
Joyce Meinberg  
Marilyn McIntosh

Dennis Novotny  
Jerry O'Connor  
Sandi Radeztsky  
Kathy Rundquist  
Michael Schmidt  
Lorna Schwingle-Glass  
Bev Winninghoff

## **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)

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 (Augustin)

Gary & Evelyn Beaupre

Jean Cornell (Herriges)

Nephew of Beck Ehmer

Bonnie Erickson (Winninghoff)

Kerri Estep (Atwater)

Nancy Gruebling (Kletti)

Paula Hader (Adler)

Kathy Jarolimek (Henk)

Kathy (S. Augustin family)

Zannah & Kendra (Lindgren)

Sheri Theep (Van Beek)

Jan (D. Stangl)

Sue Mitchell (Rhoads)

Paige More (Pearson)

Sharon Rosbeck (Herriges)

Dennis Liepert (J. Michaels)

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)

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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