



# **Peace United Church of Christ**

Rev. Eric Kirkegaard

12 July 2020

Sixth 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

## Greetings - A Time of Centering

### ↑Hymn #515

### "Hymn of Promise"

Unison

Musical score for the first system, consisting of a treble and bass staff in 3/4 time. The key signature has one flat (Bb). The treble staff begins with a  $F$  chord and is marked 'Unison'. The bass staff begins with a  $Gm7$  chord. The melody is written in a simple, hymn-like style.

1 In the bulb there is a flow - er; in the seed, an ap - ple  
2 There's a song in ev - ery si - lence, seek - ing word and mel - o -  
3 In our end is our be - gin - ning; in our time, in - fin - i -

Musical score for the second system, consisting of a treble and bass staff. The treble staff has  $Gm7$  and  $F$  chords above it. The melody continues from the first system.

tree; in co - coons, a hid - den prom - ise: but - ter - flies will soon be  
dy; there's a dawn in ev - ery dark - ness bring - ing hope to you and  
ty; in our doubt there is be - liev - ing; in our life, e - ter - ni -

Musical score for the third system, consisting of a treble and bass staff. The treble staff has  $F$ ,  $F7$ ,  $Bb$ ,  $C7$ ,  $E$ ,  $Dm$ ,  $Gm6$ , and  $A7$  chords above it. The melody continues.

free! In the cold and snow of win - ter there's a spring that waits to  
me. From the past will come the fu - ture; what it holds, a mys - ter -  
ty; in our death, a res - ur - rec - tion; at the last, a vic - to -

Musical score for the fourth system, consisting of a treble and bass staff. The treble staff has  $Dm$ ,  $Bb$ ,  $C7$ ,  $F$ ,  $Dm$ ,  $Gm7$ ,  $C7$ ,  $Bb$ , and  $F$  chords above it. The melody concludes with a final cadence.

be, un - re - vealed un - til its sea - son, some - thing God a - lone can see.  
y, un - re - vealed un - til its sea - son, some - thing God a - lone can see.  
ry, un - re - vealed un - til its sea - son, some - thing God a - lone can see.

## Call to Worship – Psalm 65

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

**Many: And also with you.**

One: Praise awaits you, our God, in Zion; to you our vows will be fulfilled. You who answer prayer, to you all people will come.

**Many: When we were overwhelmed by sins, you forgave our transgressions.**

One: Blessed are those you choose and bring near to live in your courts!

**Many: We are filled with the good things of your house, of your holy temple. You answer us with awesome and righteous deeds, God our Savior, the hope of all the ends of the earth and of the farthest seas, who formed the mountains by your power, having armed yourself with strength, who stilled the roaring of the seas, the roaring of their waves, and the turmoil of the nations.**

One: The whole earth is filled with awe at your wonders; where morning dawns, where evening fades, you call forth songs of joy.

**Many: You care for the land and water it; you enrich it abundantly. The streams of God are filled with water to provide the people with grain, for so you have ordained it. You drench its furrows and level its ridges; you soften it with showers and bless its crops.**

One: You crown the year with your bounty, and your carts overflow with abundance.

**Many: The grasslands of the wilderness overflow; the hills are clothed with joy, the meadows clothe themselves with flocks, the valleys deck themselves with grain, they shout and sing together for joy.**

## Confession of Sin

**Many:** Merciful God, we humbly admit that we need your help. We confess that we have wandered from your way. We do wrong, and we fail to do what is right. Still your grace seeks to save us. Have mercy on us. Forgive us our sin and teach us to forgive others. Bring forth in us the fruit of the Spirit that we may grow as disciples of Christ.

**One:** Believe the good news of God's abounding love in Jesus Christ.

## Assurance of Pardon (United Church of Canada Statement of Faith)

**Many:** We are not alone, we live in God's world.

**We believe in God:**

who has created and is creating,  
who has come in Jesus,  
the Word made flesh,  
to reconcile and make new,  
who works in us and others by the Spirit.

**We trust in God.**

**We are called to be the church:**

to celebrate God's presence,  
to love and serve others,  
to seek justice and resist evil,  
to proclaim Jesus, crucified and risen, our judge and our hope.

**In life, in death, in life beyond death,**

**God is with us.**

**We are not alone.**

**Thanks be to God.**

♪ 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**

The Children's Time – we sing let the child in each of us join in singing  
 ♪ Hymn #437 “Jesus Loves Me, This I Know” vs. 1

Lesson

Romans 8:1-11

♪ Hymn #504 “Just a Closer Walk with Thee”

Bb Bb+  $\frac{Gm}{Bb}$  Bb  $\frac{Bb}{D}$  Dbdim7 Cm7 F7  $\frac{Eb}{F}$  F7  $\frac{Eb}{F}$  Bb

1 I am weak, but thou art strong; Je - sus, keep me from all wrong;  
 2 Through this world of toil and snares, if I fal - ter, Lord, who cares?  
 3 When my fee - ble life is o'er, time for me will be no more;  
 Refrain: Just a clos - er walk with thee, grant it, Je - sus, is my plea,

Bb Bb7 Eb Edim7  $\frac{Bb}{F}$  F7 *D.C. for Refrain* Bb

I'll be sat - is - fied as long as I walk, let me walk close to thee.  
 Who with me my bur - den shares? None but thee, dear Lord, none but thee.  
 guide me gent - ly, safe - ly o'er to thy king - dom shore, to thy shore.  
 dai - ly walk - ing close to thee: let it be, dear Lord, let it be.

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Lesson

Isaiah 55:9-13

Hymn Response #710

“The Trees of the Field

*Unison* Em B7 Em B7 Em B7 Em  $\frac{D7}{F\#}$

You shall go out with joy and be led forth with peace; the

G  $\frac{C}{G}$  G  $\frac{D}{F\#}$  D  $\frac{B}{D\#}$  N.C. Em B7 Em

mountains and the hills will break forth before you; there'll be shouts of joy,

Em B7 Em B7 Em  $\frac{B}{F\#}$   $\frac{Am}{F\#}$   $\frac{Em}{B}$  B7 Em

and all the trees of the field will clap, will clap their hands.

D7 N.C. G  $\frac{C}{G}$  G D

And all the trees of the field will clap their hands, the

D D7 G D7 G  $\frac{C}{G}$  G

trees of the field will clap their hands, the trees of the field will

\*x = clap hands.

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Gospel Lesson

Matthew 13:1-23

Sermon

“Bad Gardening... or Faithful Living?”

Special Music

“When The Roll Is Called Up Yonder” arr. Lorie Line

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

God of Glory, around whose eternal throne all the heavenly powers offer their ceaseless songs of praise: Grant that we may overhear these songs, and with our own lips and lives interpret them to all in whose presence we play or sing; That our church may behold the beauty of God, and see with mortal eyes the land that is far off, where all your promises are celebrated, where all your love in every sight and sound is the theme of eternal rejoicing; through Jesus Christ our Lord. 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.**

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*SERVING TODAY*

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Our Worship Team:

Habitat Group, Litanists

Sherry McElhatton, Piano, Vocal

Karla Spaits, Melodica, Vocal

Elsa Kirkegaard, Flute, Percussion, Vocal

Maëlle Leopardo, Violin, Percussion, Vocal (Kirkegaard’s French exchange student who remains in our pre-recorded clips even after returning home!)

Ministers: ALL OF YOU!

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*CALENDAR – WEEK OF JULY 5*

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July 14            10:00 am. Lectionary Study via Zoom, see link below  
7:00 p.m. – Consistory Zoom Meeting

**Adult Faith Formation, Confirmation Redux** – is taking a break for the summer. We will resume in the fall.

**Tuesdays at 10 am. - Lectionary group. Each week we will study the scripture for the upcoming Sunday.**

Join Zoom Meeting on your computer by copying or clicking this link:

<https://zoom.us/j/299920158?pwd=WTdLNEx4dXExRHFteFB3RVBjQzN1dz09>

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Lectionary texts for July 19 – Seventh Sunday after Pentecost

Genesis 28:10-19a and Psalm 139:1-12, 23-24 • Wisdom of Solomon

12:13, 16-19 or Isaiah 44:6-8 and Psalm 86:11-17 • Romans 8:12-25 •

Matthew 13:24-30, 36-43

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## *ANNOUNCEMENTS*

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### **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.

Thank you all...and God Bless.

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### *BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES*

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<b>Happy Birthday</b>	<b>July 12 - 18</b>
July 12	Debbie Guillaume
July 13	Kalina Clark, Kevin Lemke, Robert Ogi
July 14	Eric Bayer, Harvey Brodzeller (80)
July 17	Helen Reinke (94)
July 18	Karissa Anderson, Laura Kirkegaard

<b>Happy Anniversary</b>	<b>July 12-18</b>
July 12	Gary & Joyce Terlinden (51)
July 14	Tom & Joan Schleif (16)
July 18	Ron & Bonnie Will (40)

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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	Marion Doms
Debbie Butzlaff	Gary Fisher
Barry Clark	Betty Graff
John Coulter	Christ Gudex

Les Martin  
Marilyn McIntosh  
Jim Meinberg  
Robert Neumann  
Don Neitzel  
Dennis Novotny  
Mitch Ogi  
Doc Ogi

Alexia Polzin  
Heidi Rodenkirch  
Carol Sedgwick  
Betty Skaug  
Alec Taylor  
Greg Vorpahl  
Bev Winninghoff

**Friends & Family:**

Ruth Betts (M. McFadden)  
Caelyb (Bocher)  
Ron Geurts (Stern)  
William Gudex (C. Gudex)  
Cindy Hoffman (Grundahl)  
Debbie (Hallen)  
Larry Haas (Lemke)  
Eric Haas (Lemke)  
Heidi (C. Manthei)  
Sue Heiser (Rodenkirch)  
Jeremy Heiser (Rodenkirch)  
Mason Hollbrook (Bocher)  
Robin Kann (Atwater)

Valerie Knurr (Kletti)  
Bonnie Laufenberg (Lemke)  
Mrs. Muckerhide  
Babette Rhoads (Rhoads)  
Ashlyn Roecker (Becker)  
Therese Rohlinger (Roesel)  
Ron Scheid (Liepert)  
Bill Schuster (D. Stangl)  
Charlie Straub (J. Becker)  
Louise Steuerwald (Bocher)  
Ann Thill (Mertz)  
Katie Van Ess (G. Van Ess)

Please keep us updated. Concerns will be listed for 6 weeks.

**Those Dealing with Cancer:**

**Members:** Laurie Struck, Dennis Novotny

**Friends & Family:**

Gary & Evelyn Beaupre  
Kim Breit  
Jean Cornell (Herriges)  
Nephew of Beck Ehmer  
Kerri Estep (Atwater)  
Ron Geurts  
Paula Hader (Adler)  
Norm Hughes (K. Hughes)

Sheri Theep (Van Beek)  
Jan (D. Stangl)  
Rev. Kathryn O'Connor Kuhn  
(O'Connor and Kuhn)  
Sue Mitchell (Rhoads)  
Paige More (Pearson)  
Sharon Rosbeck (Herriges)  
Dennis Liepert (J. Michaels)

Steve Siebenaler (J. Manthei)  
Susan Tolonen (Lindgren)

Russell Will (Will)

**Those who have entered Hospice for additional care on the journey:**

Barbara Wenzlaff, John Waskiewicz, Norm Hughes

**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)

Kyle Henk (Army)

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)

Our Covenanted Partner in Ministry: Rev. Gretchen Martin who serves the wider church through her work with the North Carolina Organ Donor Network.



**Summer Sunday School**

Be sure to tune into the Peace Church YouTube channel through the entire summer... June, July, and August!

Follow the Sunday School link at: [www.peace-ucc.org](http://www.peace-ucc.org) or **YouTube Channel Link**

Each week, Ms. Alexia will offer a fun lesson and introduce you to one of the famous characters you know and love... cowboy, space ranger, slinky, T-rex and MORE!

Plus, you'll learn what toys can teach you about servicing God, and the different people in the Bible who carried out God's purposes.

Tune in any day or time. We'll be here for you!



### **Rocky Railway VBS is on the way!**

Virtual VBS premieres Monday, July 27th. Join friends from Peace Church and other Kewaskum families on a special adventure learning about Jesus' power!!! Virtual VBS allows you to watch, sing, and learn on your schedule right at home!!! Children ages 4-11 are invited to participate. Registration forms were emailed out this past week, if you did not receive one and need one, please contact the church office. Older kids can help too... watch for announcements. Join Ramsey, Ava, Sierra, Finn, and Lawrence as they share the fun of virtual VBS!

Please contact Jamie Piittmann, Pam Berres, or Becky Manthei for more information.

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