

Peace United Church of Christ

Rev. Eric Kirkegaard 12 July 2020 Sixth 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.

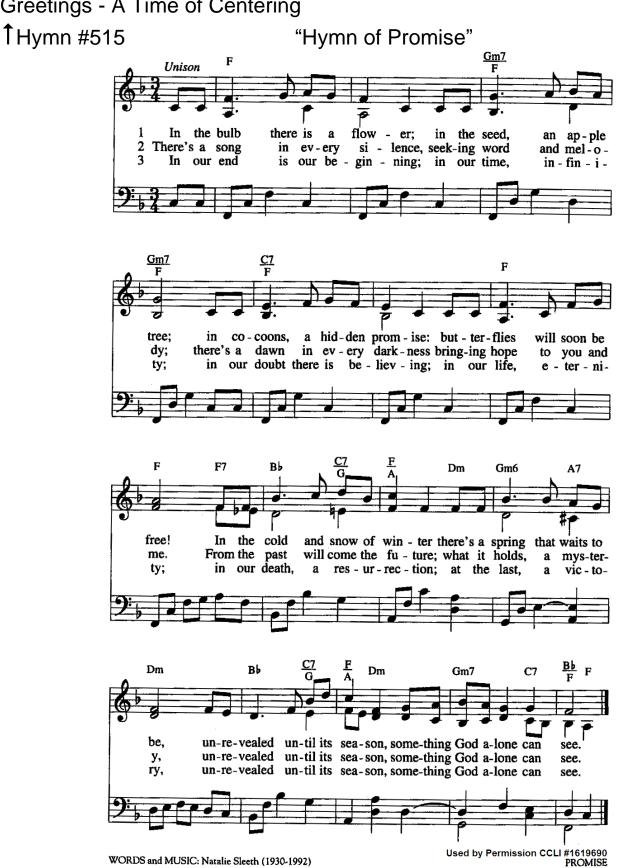
In the way of Jesus, we stand against acts of hate and violence in all their forms.

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

Greetings - A Time of Centering



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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

Lesson

Romans 8:1-11

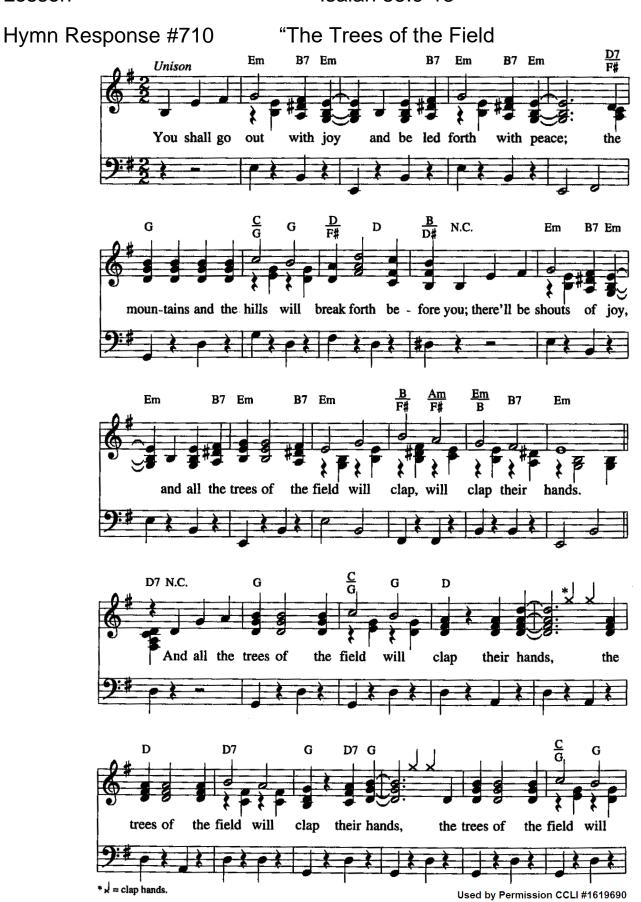
⊿ Hymn #504

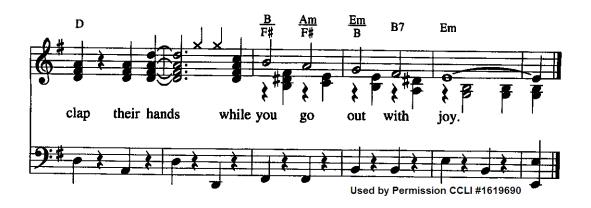
"Just a Closer Walk with Thee"



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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.

SERVING TODAY

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!

CALENDAR - WEEK OF JULY 5

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=WTdLNEx4dXExRHFteFB3RVBjQzN1dz https://zoom.us/j/299920158?pwd=WTdLNEx4dXExRHFteFB3RVBjQzN1dz

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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

ANNOUNCEMENTS

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.

BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES

Happy Birthday	July 12 - 18
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

Happy Anniversary July 12-18

July 12	Gary & Joyce Terlinden (51)
July 14	Tom & Joan Schleif (16)
July 18	Ron & Bonnie Will (40)

PRAYER LIST

Please let us know of any updates to the Prayer Lists

<u>Those in Need of Healing</u>: all shut-ins and those experiencing pain or loss **Members**:

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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)

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:

Robin Kann (Atwater)

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)

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... <u>June</u>, <u>July</u>, and <u>August!</u> Follow the <u>Sunday School</u> link at: www.peace-ucc.org or **YouTube Channel Link**

Each week, Ms. Alexia will offer a <u>fun lesson</u> 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 <u>serving God</u>, 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 premiers 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.

PEACE CHURCH CONTACT INFORMATION

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