



Peace United Church of Christ

Rev. Eric Kirkegaard

July 16, 2023

Seventh Sunday after Pentecost

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

GREETINGS - A TIME OF CENTERING

HYMN 595 "They'll Know We Are Christians"

CALL TO WORSHIP – Psalm 65

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

All: 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.

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

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

All: 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.

All: 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.

All: 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.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

All: 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

All: 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

Peace be with you
And also with you

LESSON Genesis 25:19-34 (Page 18)

The Children's Time – As the children come forward, please sing Hymn 437 "Jesus Loves Me" vs. 1

HYMN 551 "As a Fire is Meant for Burning"

LESSON Isaiah 55:9-13 (Page 567)

GOSPEL Matthew 13:1-23 (Page 747)

SERMON – The Habitat Crew with Vikar Jakob

Special Music

THE DOXOLOGY

**Praise God from whom all blessings flow,
Praise God, all creatures here below:
Praise God for all that love has done:
Creator, Christ, and Spirit, One.**

PASTORAL 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 adapted from "Church Musicians Prayer" by Erik Routley

God of Glory, around whose eternal throne all the heavenly powers offer their ceaseless songs of praise:

Grant that we may overhear this worship, and with our own lips and lives interpret it to all in whose presence we play or sing, work or pray; 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 in Peace and Serve the Lord”

**Go in peace and serve the Lord.
God is calling you today.
Go and tell gospel news everywhere.
Go in peace and serve the Lord.
God is calling you today
to bring truth and love to every nation.
Go in nation.**

POSTLUDE

Serving Today: Musicians: Karla Spaits, Mia Dornacker;
Litanist: Chris Rode; Video: David Dorn

Today's Altar Flowers are in memory of Pastor Bob Blackburn's parents, Jerry & Virginia Blackburn. The flowers next to the altar are in memory of Joseph Harter, father of Jill Rhoads.

Lectionary for July 23 - 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



NEWS & NOTES



Happy Birthday July 16 - 22

July 18 Laura Kirkegaard
July 20 Albert Hembel, Alyssa Schmeling
July 21 Carol Gardner (83)
July 22 Ruth Schmitt (83)

Calendar for the Week of July 16, 2023

7/18 Youth Breakfast, Lectionary 10 am
7/12 XYZ Cards, Sacred Space Worship 7pm
7/13 Youth Breakfast

Summer worship is at 9:00 am - through Labor Day. Come and celebrate being gathered as one family of God.

Midweek worship! We are trying something a little different, creating Sacred Space on Wednesday evenings at 7:00 p.m. Services are less formal, more interactive, some different music. Come and be a part of experiencing/imagining how we create a new worship experience at Peace UCC. **The upcoming service (7/19) will be held at Roger & Kathy Mertz's home: 8375 Fairview Dr, Allenton WI 53002.** The week after we return to Fellowship Hall.

VBS 2023

BLASTING OFF

JULY 31 – AUGUST 4, 2023
PEACE CHURCH
8:30 – 11:30 A.M.



REGISTRATION BEGINS AT 8:00 A.M.

REGISTRATION FORMS ARE AVAILABLE IN THE FRONT AND BACK ENTRANCES TO THE CHURCH OR AT PEACE CHURCH'S WEBSITE.

Feed Our Kids – Peace Church will be hosting a Youth Breakfast every Tuesday and Thursday morning (9 am – 11 am) through August. Children will have a hardy breakfast two days a week and will go home with packed lunches. The Kewaskum Kiwanis Club and area community businesses will fund this program.

Mark Your Calendar – Church Picnic – August 6th at River Hill Park! Worship Service will be at 9:00 a.m. followed by lunch, music, raffles, and kid activities. Tickets on sale the day of the picnic or at church. \$15.00 for adults, \$10 ages 6-11, children 5 & under are free. New this year is a family ticket for \$50 – 2 adults and up to 5 children.

Hello Peace UCC Members & Friends,

PLEASE RESPOND

It is time to begin planning your very helpful donation(s) for the 2023 PIGNIC Raffle.

Please bring YOUR item(s) to the church CHOIR ROOM on or before SUNDAY July 9th.

We need basket donations OR individual item(s).

BIG thanks to those who have already donated!

CONTACT: Kathy & Jerry Shoemaker via Peace Office 262-626-4011 [office@peace-](mailto:office@peace-ucc.org)

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UNACCEPTABLE: Adult Clothing, Rummage Sale Items, Furniture, Vintage Dish Sets.

ACCEPTABLE: Re-Gifting of unopened/undamaged gifts.

Cash Gift Card: Gas-Store-Credit-Service-

Grocery

Garden or Home Art

Autographed Items

Food, Snack Basket

Theme Basket Child or Adult

Pet items/supplies

Tickets to Events - Attractions

Packer, Brewer, Bucks, Badger Gear

Sweatshirt, Hat, T-Shirt

Bikes, Scooters, Skates

Holiday basket

Tools, Supplies

Handmade Items Wood-Ceramic-Cloth-Painting

Quilted,-Crochet-Cross Stitched Items.

Electronic equip. or games

Bird house, feeder, seed

Picnic Supplies, Coolers, Utensils.

Make-Up Beauty items

Toys Games-Indoor/Outdoor

Game Equipment Indoor/Outdoor

Golf-Eat-Entertainment-Travel

Company Product Basket

Hunting -Fishing gear/supplies

Car supplies

Cleaning, Kitchen, Bathroom supplies

Scarves-Hats-Mittens

PIGNIC BUCKET RAFFLE DONATED ITEMS

For our 2023 PIGNIC place YOUR donated item(s) in the Choir room.

Attach this tag to YOUR item(s).

Kathy & Jerry Shoemaker via Peace Office 262-626-4011 office@peace-ucc.org

Donor: _____ Phone: _____

Please PRINT Item(s) or Service(s)

Value (Optional)

THANK YOU!.