

# **Peace United Church of Christ**

Rev. Eric Kirkegaard 18 July 2021 Eighth 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 "Prelude in C" Bach

## PLEASE hum or sing: #50 "Great is the Lord"



Gathering Our Hearts Before God - Psalm 23

One: The Lord is my shepherd, I shall not want;

Many: he makes me lie down in green pastures. He leads me beside

still waters; he restores my soul.

One: He leads me in paths of righteousness for his name's sake.

Many: Even though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death,

I fear no evil; for you are with me; your rod and your staff, they

comfort me.

One: You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies; you

anoint my head with oil, my cup overflows.

Many: Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my

life; and I shall dwell in the house of the Lord forever.

Inviting God Into Our Lives & Our Lord's Prayer

Blessed Lord, you are our peace. You are the one who seeks to break down the barriers and dissolve the hostility of the world. Shape us O God, help to mold and transform us once again into one humanity - a mirror of your image. Gather us in fellowship and prayer and inspire us with your will. We pray: "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."

Confession of Sin

One: Let us confess our sins before God and one another.

All: Often we seem to place our own understandings ahead of yours. We mistake our desires for yours. We view your grace through our limited understanding instead of through your unfathomable abundance. We unintentionally build divisions as byproducts of certainties and our convictions. Break us open God. Humble us. Forgive us.

We know that we do not think or do what you desire of us. We sin against you in thought, word, and deed; by what we do and by what we leave undone. We do not love you with our whole hearts, nor do we love our neighbors as ourselves. Into your mercy we offer our confession and humbly pray to more fully feel your grace. Amen.

Assurance of Pardon

One:

Friends, God does not call perfect people, nor does God expect us to be without fault. But God desires that we would continually turn back to be in loving relationship. Believe the good news of the gospel...

All: In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.

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.

**OT Lesson** 

2 Samuel 7:1-14a (right click for link)

The Children's Time "Stuck in the Middle"

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

## PLEASE hum or sing: #438 "On Eagles Wings"



Epistle Ephesians 2:11-22 (right click for link)

Gospel Mark 6:30-44, 53-56 (right click for link)

Sermon "Longing to See Like Jesus"

Special Music "Sweet Hour of Prayer/Standing in the Need of Prayer" arr. Vandall

**Prayer of Dedication** 

Compassionate God you seek to transform us into your servants of peace. You surround us with the abundance and diversity of your creation. We seek to do our part. These simple gifts we offer as fuel for the fire of your truth. Bless these gifts, and bless our efforts to know you and to share your good news as a servant people. Amen.

**Pastoral Prayer** 

**Benediction** 

One: Go with the proclamation of God's love and peace.

Many: We go to love and to serve for we are the church.

Alleluia and Amen!



The PIGNIC is coming! Sunday, August 1, 2021 Riverhill Park near Hon-E-Kor Golf Club - Hwy 28 East Worship with Communion at 9:30 in the Park Pavilion Roast Pork and Chicken Dinner served 11:00-1:00

Bucket Raffles - Free Games for Children - Live Music - Fun! Fun!!

As a community event, we need the support of the entire congregation. Please see the sign-up sheets in Fellowship Hall to volunteer for:

- Donate Fruit for Fruit Salad
- Make a desert
- Sell Deserts at the Pignic
- Serve Food at the Pignic
- Help Make Potato Salad (Sat.)
- Roast the Pig Overnight

- Sell Meal Tickets
- Sell Bucket Raffle Tickets
- Move items to Park (Sat.)
- Supervise Games/Face painting
- Donate to Desert-a-month
- Cleanup afterwards!

## PLEASE hum or sing Hymn #709 "Hallelujah We Sing Your Praises"



Lectionary for Sunday, July 25th, 8 a.m. and 9:30 a.m. at Peace Church: Ninth Sunday after Pentecost: 2 Samuel 11:1-15 and Psalm 14 • 2 Kings 4:42-44 and Psalm 145:10-18 • Ephesians 3:14-21 • John 6:1-21

#### SERVING TODAY

Our Worship Team:

Musicians: Karla Spaits

Elsa Kirkegaard

Anna Piittmann

Video: Jake Lemke

Audio: Joshua Spaits

Litanist: Rev. Jerry O'Connor

Ministers: ALL OF US!

Sexton: Roger Lindgren
Usher/Coffee Fellowship:

John Lemke, Sr.

Eric Walker

Joanne Manthei Bob Schrader

<u>Altar Flowers</u>: The altar flowers at today's services are given in memory of Sue Spoerl by Steve Spoerl. The floral arrangement is in honor of Bunny Scannell's 92<sup>nd</sup> birthday on 7/19, with love from her family.

## **NEWS AND NOTES**

<u>Summer Sunday School</u> – Join Alexia Polzin each week, as you travel through familiar Bible stories, learning how they relate to ICE CREAM! Youth, age 4K - 3<sup>rd</sup> grade are invited to attend. Registration forms are at the south entrance. "Taste and see that the Lord is good!" Psalm 34:8 This week: Call on Jesus when you're trapped.

<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.

VBS "Treasured: Discovering You're Priceless to God" July 26-30 8:30a.m.-11:30 a.m. Ages 3 – 11 are invited. Middle school and high school students can assist with groups. Registration forms at south entrance. Friends and neighbors are welcome to join us in this fun adventure! Call the office to pre-register!



<u>Summer Coffee Hour</u> – Peace Church is looking for volunteers to assist with Summer Coffee Hour after each worship service. If you are willing to help, please contact Kathy Charland at 262-483-7811 email: <a href="mailto:charland22056@gmail.com">charland22056@gmail.com</a> or call the church office at 262-626-4011 or email office@peace-ucc.org

<u>Peace Needs YOU!</u> We are looking for volunteers to **USHER** during 8:00 and 9:30 services. Peace is also looking for members to serve on the Consistory in **Deacon** and **Trustee** positions. Contact the church office if you are interested in any of these roles.

<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 30<sup>th</sup> anniversary).

<u>Habitat for Humanity</u> – Peace Church Habitat for Humanity group will be working at a site in West Bend from August 16th - August 20th. Time: 9:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m. See the south bulletin board for info. If you are interested contact the church office at 626-262-4011 or office@peace-ucc.org





<u>Scholarship Fund Car Wash</u> – A car wash, sponsored by the Scholarship Committee, will be held on Saturday, July 24 from 10:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. at Peace Church parking lot. Goodwill offerings accepted and all proceeds go towards student scholarships. Equal Exchange coffee, tea, and chocolate will be available for purchase.

## **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. Following these guidelines we can expand our activities to 75% of capacity! (150 worshippers in the sanctuary, the worship leaders are in addition to that number).

CDC guidance on masks removes all restrictions for those who are <u>vaccinated</u>.

For people who are <u>unvaccinated</u>, per CDC guidelines, masks are <u>required</u> over the mouth and nose at all times, and social distancing of 6 feet remains.

We will continue streaming all worship services to our YouTube Channel at "Peace UCC Kewaskum" or you can find a link from our website: <a href="https://www.peace-ucc.org">www.peace-ucc.org</a> or through our Facebook page. We are also now streaming all funeral services and posting those online.

#### BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES

## Happy Birthday July 18 - 24

July 18	Laura Kirkegaard
<b>J</b> -	

- July 19 Bunny Scannell (92)
- July 20 Elena Chamberlain, Albert Hembel, Kaila Kirst, Alyssa Schmeling
- July 21 Carol Gardner (81)
- July 22 Ruth Schmitt (81)
- July 23 James Butzlaff, Jim Meinberg (88)

#### **VOLUNTEER CORNER**

Volunteers are a vital part of Peace Church to keep things running smoothly Church volunteerism is the lifeblood of any church. People often think that volunteering in church is a huge time commitment. That is not necessarily true. Your service does not have to be ongoing. You can serve on a rotational basis and still make an impact. If you want to see Peace Church grow and prosper, we encourage you to volunteer and give your time.

#### Here are some of the volunteer opportunities at Peace Church:

- Ushering
- Coffee Fellowship
- Church Decorating
- Helping at VBS 7/26-30
- Serving on the Consistory

- Greeter
- Litanist
- Singing in the Choirs!
- Car Wash, July 24th
- Pignic August 1<sup>st</sup>

Please contact the church office at <a href="mailto:office@peace-ucc.org">office@peace-ucc.org</a> or 262-626-4011 to volunteer or to find out more information on an area that interests you. To all volunteers, thank you for the ways you serve Christ and our church.

<u>Peace Church 1<sup>st</sup> Street Sign</u>: Are you interested in giving our Peace Church sign a face lift? Our wonderful sign on First Street is showing its age and could use some updating. We are looking for someone that could take on this project. It would be nice if it could be finished by next spring. Any questions, please call Karen Kletti at 262-224-2212 or email at kmkletti@gmail.com.

#### PRAYER LIST

**Prayers of celebration** for Bryanna and Steve Kudek on the birth of their daughter, Tommi Raelynn

## 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**:

Harvey Brodzeller

Nancy Brodzeller

Fran Charland

Dennis Novotny

Chris Bods

Judy Christensen Chris Rode

Markus Frank
Betty Graff
John Herbst
Jim Meinberg
Kathy Rundquist
Michael Schmidt
Greg Vorpahl
Bev Winninghoff

## Friends & Family:

Ezekiel Jeremy (Rodenkirch)

Lorrie (H. Bruenn) Alan Kuehl (J. Manthei)

Klaine (Lemke) Jason Piittmann's Father

Patricia Hohl Babette Rhoads

Debbie (Hallen) 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)
Sue Mitchell (Rhoads)

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.

#### PEACE CHURCH CONTACT INFORMATION

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Gayle Van Ess, Faith Formation Coordinator 262-339-0304 faithformation@peace-ucc.org

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

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# Holy Angels Presents a Concert Version of the Musical

# CHILDREN OF EDEN

Book by John Caird Music and Lyrics by Stephen Schwartz

Based on a concept by Charles Lisanby

"Based on the book of Genesis...Children of Eden is a joyous and inspirational musical about parents, children and faith...not to mention centuries of unresolved family business!\*

Friday, **July 23**, 2021 at 7pm Saturday, **July 24**, 2021 at 7pm Sunday, **July 25** at 2pm

at Holy Angels Catholic Church (138 N. 8th Ave., West Bend, WI 53095)

Tickets - \$5 each. On sale in the Parish Office during the week, online (additional fees), or at the door.

There will be a short talk starting around 35 minutes before the show about the book of Genesis.

Feel free to bring a cushion for the pew!

To purchase tickets online or for more info: hawb.org/eden

CHILDREN OF EDEN Is presented through special arrangement with Music Theater International (MTI). All authorized performance materials are also supplied by MTI

www.MTIShows.com

\*from the MTI Show Description. Musical Theater International has given this show a PG rating.