

Peace United Church of Christ

Rev. Eric Kirkegaard 25 July 2021 Ninth 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

"Peace Church exists to feed souls, grow in God's extravagant love and together serve all of God's children and creation."

WORSHIP SERVICE

Prelude "Walking with You" Lorie Line

Greetings – Announcements – Prayer Requests

Gathering our hearts before God

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

Many: And also with you.

One: From the long days of isolation and disruption of community, come

gather here on this Sabbath day.

Many: We come for rest and renewal.

One: From a parched creation, come gather here and claim a word of

hope and promise.

Many: We come to encounter God's abundant grace.

One: Come gather here as the people of God.

Many: We come for inspiration and love.

One: Come gather here and celebrate new life in Jesus Christ.

Many: We come to encounter the holy and to claim anew our calling

as God's servant people.

PLEASE hum or sing: #652 "This is the Day"



Responsive Psalm - #14

Fools say in their hearts, "There is no God." They are corrupt, they do abominable deeds; there is no one who does good.

The Lord looks down from heaven on humankind to see if there are any who are wise, who seek after God.

They have all gone astray, they are all alike perverse; there is no one who does good, no, not one.

Have they no knowledge, all the evildoers who eat up my people as they eat bread, and do not call upon the Lord?

There they shall be in great terror, for God is with the company of the righteous.

You would confound the plans of the poor, but the Lord is their refuge.

O that deliverance for Israel would come from Zion! When the Lord restores the fortunes of his people, Jacob will rejoice; Israel will be glad.

Confession of Sin

One: In our hunger for grace, we offer our confession:

All: Beloved God, it is so easy to look at our lives and our world through a lens of scarcity. We take your blessings for granted. We forget your promises of abundance. We fail to grasp how wide and long and high and deep is the love of Christ. We stumble in remembering that it is offered not just for us, but for all people, and all of creation.

Forgive us God, for what we do and for what we fail to do. We sin against you in thought, word, and deed. We fail to love our neighbors - all of our neighbors, near and far, like us, and unimaginably different – as you ask to love ourselves. We fail to put other's needs as equal to our desires, forgive us, recenter us, restore us

We pray as you've taught us: "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."

One:

Friends, God does not call perfect people, nor does God expect us to be without fault. God loves us just as we are, and God loves us too much to allow us to remain only as we are.

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

Ephesians 3:14-21 (right click for link)

The Children's Time "No Limits!"

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

PLEASE hum or sing: #436 "Grace Alone"





Gospel John 6:1-21 (right click for link)

Sermon "Community and Abundance"

Special Music "This Little Light of Mine" arr. Vandall

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.

Pastoral Prayer

Benediction

One: ...Go in peace, serve the Lord.

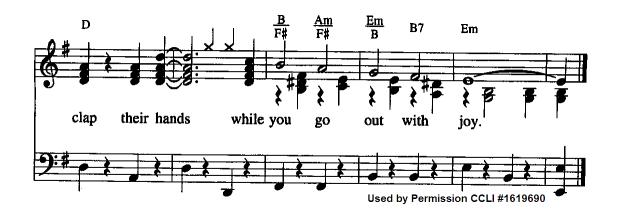
Many: We go to love and to serve for we are the church.

Alleluia and Amen!

PLEASE hum or sing Hymn #710 "Trees of the Field"



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The PIGNIC is coming! Next 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!

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/Carve

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

Lectionary for Sunday, August 1st, 8 a.m. and 9:30 a.m. at Peace Church: Tenth Sunday after Pentecost: 2 Samuel 11:26-12:13a and Psalm 51:1-12 • Exodus 16:2-4, 9-15 and Psalm 78:23-29 • Ephesians 4:1-16 • John 6:24-35

SERVING TODAY

Our Worship Team:

Musicians: Sherry McElhatton Video: Jake Lemke

Karla Spaits Audio: Joshua Spaits

Sexton: Roger Lindgren Coffee Fellowship:

Ushers: John Lemke, Sr. 8:00 Nancy Stoffel

Kandy Lindgren 9:30 Mugs McFadden

Ministers: ALL OF US!

<u>Altar Flowers</u>: The altar flowers at today's services are given in celebration and thanks to Pam Berres and Jamie Piittmann, for their amazing leadership and coordination of Vacation Bible School for our children!

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 - 3rd grade are invited to attend. "Taste and see that the Lord is good!" Psalm 34:8 This week: Share Jesus With Others!

<u>Lectionary group at Peace Church</u> – <u>NO lectionary gatherings 'till August 17th.</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.

<u>VBS "Treasured: Discovering You're Priceless to God"</u> July 26-30 8:30a.m.-11:30 a.m. Ages 3 – 11 are welcome. Middle school and high school students can assist with groups. Registration forms at south entrance. Encourage friends and neighbors to join us in this fun adventure! **Walk-Ins Welcome!**



<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: charland22056@gmail.com 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 30th 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. More Info/Sign Up in Fellowship Hall. If you are interested contact the church office at 626-262-4011 or office@peace-ucc.org

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 and our County Covid cases we find ourselves going back to 50% of capacity! (100 worshippers in the sanctuary, the worship leaders are in addition to that number). While this won't likely impact us during the summer, it is a reminder for us all to do our part and consider how we not only keep ourselves safe, but also our neighbors and especially the most vulnerable among us.

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: www.peace-ucc.org or through our Facebook page. We are also now streaming all funeral services and posting those online.

BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES

Happy Birthday July 25 - 31 July 25 Nancy Polizotto July 26 Charlie Berres

July 27 Watson Manogue

July 28 Sharon Zolp

July 29 Rachel Anderson

July 31 Kenzell Bocher, Dale Scannell

Happy Anniversary

July 27 Tom & Christine Bier (30), Karla & Josh Spaits (2) July 28 Don and Carol Sedgwick (70)

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
- PIGNIC August 1st
- Teaching Sunday School

Please contact the church office at office@peace-ucc.org 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 1st 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 comfort for Jill Rhoads and family on the death of her father, Joe Harter, on July 16th. 7/24 Visitation 11:00-12:45 Funeral 1:00 Myrhum-Patten.

Prayers of comfort for Joanne Amerling on the death of her husband, Ron, on July 22, 2021. Funeral details pending.

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 Joyce Meinberg Nancy Brodzeller Marilyn McIntosh Fran Charland **Dennis Novotny** Judy Christensen Chris Rode

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

Friends & Family:

Ezekiel Jeremy (Rodenkirch) Alan Kuehl (J. Manthei) Lorrie (H. Bruenn)

Klaine (Lemke) Gerald Piittmann 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) Bonnie Erickson (Winninghoff)

Kathy (Augustin) Kerri Estep (Atwater) Nancy Gruebling (Kletti) Gary & Evelyn Beaupre Jean Cornell (Herriges) Paula Hader (Adler) Nephew of Beck Ehmer 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) Kevin White (L. Swanson) 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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Pastor Bob Blackburn, Visitation Minister 920-279-0816

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

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

On the web @ www.peace-ucc.org Find Peace on Facebook On YouTube at: Peace UCC Kewaskum

Peace United Church of Christ 23rd Annual



Sunday, August 1, 2021 Riverhill Park - Kewaskum

The public is welcome and invited to attend!

9:30 am Worship Service - Park Pavilion 11:00 am - 1:00 pm Dinner Served

Roast Pork & Chicken, Fruit, Potato Salad, Vegetable & Beverage Carry Outs Available - Advanced Tickets Available Adults \$10 - Children (4-10) \$5

Music 11:30 am - 1:00 pm by:

THE KEWASKUM BIG BAND

Children's Games - Bucket Raffles
Delicious Home-Baked Desserts
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