



# **Peace United Church of Christ**

Rev. Eric Kirkegaard

26 July 2020

Eighth 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 #653 "I Will Call upon the Lord"

(Echo, 2nd time only)

C F/C C Dm7/C C F/C

I will call up-on the Lord

*Unison*

I will call up-on the Lord who is wor-thy to be

Cmaj7 F/C C F/C Cmaj7 F/C

who is wor-thy to be praised; so shall I be

praised; so shall I be saved from my en - e - mies.

C F/C C G F/G 1 C F/G

saved from my en - e - mies. I will call up-on the

I will call up-on the Lord.

2 C F/G C F C/E

Lord. The Lord liv-eth and bless-ed be the Rock, and let the God

F C/E C G

of my sal - va - tion be ex - alt - ed. The

C F C/E

Lord liv - eth and bless - ed be the Rock, and let the God

F C/E C 1 G7 F/C C

of my sal - va - tion be ex - alt - ed. The

2 G7 C F/G C

alt - ed.

## Being Gathered in the Presence of God – Psalm 119:129–136

One: Your laws are wonderful. No wonder I obey them!

**Many: The teaching of your word gives light, so even the simple can understand.**

One: I pant with expectation, longing for your commands.

**Many: Come and show me your mercy, as you do for all who love your name.**

One: Guide my steps by your word, so I will not be overcome by evil.

**Many: Ransom me from the oppression of evil people; then I can obey your commandments.**

One: Look upon me with love; teach me your decrees. Rivers of tears gush from my eyes because people disobey your instructions.

## Confessing and Receiving Forgiveness

One: Sin is turning our backs on God and our desire to forget the promises that we made with him. When we live in sin we ignore who we are. We forget the image in which we are made. We no longer live in love or live with the spirit of forgiveness or acceptance.

**All: God of abundant grace, we can be so clouded by our own pursuits that we fail to notice the riches hidden in our midst. We have not valued people by your standards. We have sought treasures that turn to rust and make us unfeeling toward the needs of the vulnerable and marginalized among us. Let your spirit work in our hearts and souls. Empower and embolden us to be your servants in this world, living out the radical vision of your Kingdom.**

**Amen.**

One: In everything, God works for good with those who respond with love and obedience. We bear the image of God and it is he who loves us and claims us and will glorify us. Know that if we seek his forgiveness, he is sure to grant us peace and his forgiveness through Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior. Amen

♪ 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 8:26-39

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

Hymn #612 "When Love Is Found"

N.C. D G C/G G/B C Gsus

1 When love is found and hope comes home,  
 2 When love has flowered in trust and care,  
 3 When love is tried as loved ones change,  
 4 When love is torn and trust be-trayed,  
 5 Praise God for love, praise God for life,

G Bm Em Am7 C G Dsus

sing and be glad that two are one.  
 build both each day, that love may dare  
 hold still to hope though all seems strange,  
 pray strength to love till tor-ments fade,  
 in age or youth, in calm or strife.

D D/C Bm Am7 G Am7 G/B Am7 G/B C G

When love ex-plodes and fills the sky,  
 to reach be-yond home's warmth and light,  
 till ease re- turns, and love grows wise  
 till lov-ers keep no score of wrong,  
 Lift up your hearts, let love be fed

C/G Am G/B C Dsus D C G

praise God and share our Mak-er's joy.  
 to serve and strive for truth and right.  
 through lis-tening ears and o-pened eyes.  
 but hear through pain love's Eas-ter song.  
 through death and life in bro-ken bread.

WORDS: Brian Wren (1936- )  
 MUSIC: English melody; adapt. Hal H. Hopson (1933- )  
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 Music © 1972 Hope Publishing Company

GIFT OF LOVE  
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Gospel Lesson	Matthew 13:44-52
OT Lesson	1 Kings 3:5–28
Sermon	“Kingdom Joy and Solomon’s Wisdom”
Special Music	“Blessed Assurance”
Prayer of Dedication	

**We bring no fine pearls or costly treasure to share with the world. But what we bring we dedicate to the search for eternal values. Help us to be a community which not only gives of our material wealth to serve the world, but also a community which opens wide our doors and extends our hands to all who need the love of God no matter who they are or where they are on life’s journey. Amen.**

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

**One:** Go forth in joy, giving thanks for the ministries we offer one another and our world, and attuning our hearts to how God might be inviting us to share our own gifts.

**Many:** **Our worship doesn’t end with the sounding of church bells. Our ministry doesn’t stop at the church’s doors. It is only here beginning! Amen.**



# ♩ Hymn #719 "Go My Children, with My Blessings"

F  $\frac{F}{A}$  B $\flat$   $\frac{F}{A}$  Gm  $\frac{Gm}{B\flat}$  C  $\frac{F}{A}$  B $\flat$ 2 B $\flat$   $\frac{Am}{C}$  C7 F

1 Go, my chil-dren, with my bless-ing, nev-er a-lone.  
 2 Go, my chil-dren, sins for-giv-en, at peace and pure.  
 3 Go, my chil-dren, fed and nour-ished, clos-er to me;  
 4 I, the Lord, will bless and keep you and give you peace;

F  $\frac{F}{A}$  B $\flat$   $\frac{F}{A}$  Gm  $\frac{Gm}{B\flat}$  C  $\frac{F}{A}$  B $\flat$ 2 B $\flat$   $\frac{Am}{C}$  C7 F

Wak-ing, sleep-ing, I am with you; you are my own.  
 Here you learned how much I love you, what I can cure.  
 grow in love and love by serv-ing, joy-ful and free.  
 I, the Lord, will smile up-on you and give you peace:

B $\flat$   $\frac{F}{D}$  B $\flat$   $\frac{F}{A}$  B $\flat$  Cm B $\flat$   $\frac{F}{D}$  F Gm  $\frac{F}{A}$   $\frac{Gm}{B\flat}$  Dm Gm9  $\frac{Gm}{B\flat}$

In my love's bap-tis-mal riv-er I have made you mine for  
 Here you heard my dear Son's sto-ry; here you touched him, saw his  
 Here my Spir-it's pow-er filled you; here his ten-der com-fort  
 I, the Lord, will be your Fa-ther, Sav-ior, Com-fort-er, and

$\frac{F}{C}$  C  $\frac{F}{A}$  B $\flat$   $\frac{F}{A}$  Gm  $\frac{Gm}{B\flat}$  C  $\frac{F}{A}$  B $\flat$ 2 B $\flat$   $\frac{Am}{C}$  C7 F

ev-er. Go, my chil-dren, with my bless-ing— you are my own.  
 glo-ry. Go, my chil-dren, sins for-giv-en, at peace and pure.  
 stilled you. Go, my chil-dren, fed and nour-ished, joy-ful and free.  
 Broth-er. Go, my chil-dren, I will keep you and give you peace.

WORDS: Jaroslav J. Vajda (1919-)  
 MUSIC: Welsh melody  
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## *SERVING TODAY*

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Our Worship Team:

Litanist: Elena Chamberlain

Musicians:

Sherry McElhatton, Piano, Vocal

Karla Spaits, Melodica, Vocal

Elsa Kirkegaard, Flute, Percussion, Vocal

Lauren Chamberlain, Violin

Elena Chamberlain, Cello

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 26*

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July 27            10:00 am. Lectionary Study via Zoom, see link below.

**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>

Meeting ID: 299 920 158

Password: 114964

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Lectionary texts for August 2 – Ninth Sunday after Pentecost

Genesis 32:22-31 and Psalm 17:1-7, 15 • Isaiah 55:1-5 and Psalm 145:8-9, 14-21 • Romans 9:1-5 • Matthew 14:13-21

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## *ANNOUNCEMENTS*

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### **Scholarship Committee Car Wash**

A car wash, sponsored by the Scholarship Committee, will be held on Saturday, August 8, 2020 from 10:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. at Peace Church parking lot. Goodwill offerings accepted and all proceeds go towards student scholarships.

### **Pastor Eric and his family will be on vacation August 2 (after church) through August 16<sup>th</sup>.**

Please contact the church office if you have questions or pastoral needs during that time. Or contact our Minister of Visitation, Pastor Bob Blackburn at: 920-279-0816

### **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.

*“Peace Church exists to feed souls,  
grow in God’s extravagant love and  
together serve all of God’s children  
and creation.”*

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## ***BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES***

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<b>Happy Birthday</b>	<b>July 26-August 1</b>
July 26	Charlie Berres
July 28	Sharon Zolp
July 29	Rachel Anderson
July 29	Austin Rahmer
July 31	Kenzell Bocher, Dale Scannell
August 1	Scott Rindt, Tim Zolp

<b>Happy Anniversary</b>	<b>July 26 – August 1</b>
July 27	Tom & Kristine Bier (29), Karla & Joshua Spaits (1)
July 28	Donald & Carol Sedgwick (69)

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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	Dennis Novotny
Debbie Butzlaff	Mitch Ogi
Barry Clark	Doc Ogi
John Coulter	Alexia Polzin
Marion Doms	Heidi Rodenkirch
Gary Fisher	Bunny Scannell
Betty Graff	Carol Sedgwick
Les Martin	Betty Skaug
Marilyn McIntosh	Alec Taylor
Jim Meinberg	Greg Vorpahl
Robert Neumann	Bev Winninghoff
Don Neitzel	

**Friends & Family:**

Ruth Betts (M. McFadden)

Caelyb (Bocher)

Jessica (DeLaurier)

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 serving 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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### **PEACE CHURCH CONTACT INFORMATION**

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