



Peace United Church of Christ

Rev. Eric Kirkegaard

5 July 2020

Fifth 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.

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WORSHIP SERVICE

Prelude

“Shall We Gather at the River”

arr. Lorie Line

Greetings - A Time of Centering

↑ Hymn

“This is My Song”

1. This is my song, O God of all the na-tions,
2. My coun-try's skies are blu - er than the o - cean,
3. This is my prayer, O Rul - er of all na-tions:

a song of peace for lands a - far and mine.
and sun - light beams on clo - ver - leaf and pine;
let thy reign come; on earth thy will be done.

This is my home, the coun - try where my heart is;
but oth - er lands have sun - light too, and clo - ver,
In peace may all earth's peo - ple draw to - geth - er,

here are my hopes, my dreams, my ho - ly shrine;
and skies are ev - ery - where as blue as mine.
and hearts u - nit - ed learn to live as one.

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but oth - er hearts in oth - er lands are beat - ing
 O hear my song, thou God of all the na - tions,
 O hear my prayer, thou God of all the na - tions;

with hopes and dreams as true and high as mine.
 a song of peace for their land and for mine.
 my - self I give thee; let thy will be done.

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Being Gathered in the Presence of God

One: Make a joyful noise to the LORD, all the earth.

Many: **We sing to the glory of God's name. We give God praise, saying "How awesome are Your deeds".**

One: Sing praises for the freedom we have been given, freedom to fully worship and serve our God.

Many: **We are gathered to celebrate and to grow with You, O God.**

One: We are gathered to conspire with You, O God, in the task of healing and repairing of our world, in sharing Your love with our neighbors and ourselves.

Many: **We are gathered to remember the responsibility of opening our hearts and our eyes to all the ends of the earth.**

One: Come, precious Lord, and humble us in your service.

Many: Come, noble Christ, and challenge us with your spirit of extravagant welcome.

One: Come, Spirit of the still-speaking God, and invite us into understanding your presence which stretches far beyond our imagination.

All: Come, for you are the God of unbounded care for all of your children and all of your creation.

Prayer of Confession

As a community of believers, Holy One, we open ourselves to your restorative presence.

We are surrounded by beauty, yet we often fail to be inspired by wonder.

We are symbols of hope, yet we succumb to despair.

We are blessed beyond measure, yet we often allow greed to shape our generosity.

We are uncommonly free, yet we often bind ourselves to yesterday's failures...

We are uncommonly free, yet we fail to let that power guide us in working for all and not just some.

We are gifted and graced as a people of faith, yet we often fail to let our light shine.

We are loved beyond measure, yet we often fail to pass on your love unconditionally.

In these moments of shared silence, encourage us to lay down our burdens, release our fears, forgive our failures, reclaim our hopes, and align ourselves with your deep wisdom and grace. *Silence*

Assurance of Grace

By the power of God's grace, we are the light of the world.

Our freedom is a gift: receive it fully.

Our purpose is justice: do it rightly.

Our hope is peace: pursue it faithfully.

Our calling is life: live it well.

God is faithful in all things and so it is.
In His name we strive, and in His grace we thrive. Amen.

♪ 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

Romans 7:15-25a

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 #457 "Lord I Want to Be a Christian"

N.C. D G/D D

1 Lord, I want to be a Chris-tian in my heart, in my heart;
 2 Lord, I want to be more lov - ing in my heart, in my heart;
 3 Lord, I want to be more ho - ly in my heart, in my heart;
 4 Lord, I want to be like Je - sus in my heart, in my heart;

D A Bm G D G/D D

Lord, I want to be a Chris-tian in my heart.
 Lord, I want to be more lov - ing in my heart.
 Lord, I want to be more ho - ly in my heart.
 Lord, I want to be like Je - sus in my heart.

D G D Bm

In my heart, in my heart, in my heart, in my heart,

D A7 Bm G D

Lord, I want to be a Chris-tian in my heart.
 Lord, I want to be more lov - ing in my heart.
 Lord, I want to be more ho - ly in my heart.
 Lord, I want to be like Je - sus in my heart.

Sermon "This Generation..."

Special Music "America the Beautiful" arr. Lorie Line

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.**

Prayer of Dedication

Lord, you ask us to trust in you, to believe in you. We respond with all that we are, our hearts, our actions, and our love. Beloved God, at every moment we are free to serve you first. Transform us, bless our lives, bless our gifts, and claim us in Your service. Amen.

Commissioning Our Habitat Crew

Leader: You have been called from the ranks of God's people to go and walk with God. Go forth with loud shouts and melodies of justice. Answer the call of God's Spirit to go into a land that God will show you tearing down the walls of prejudice, injustice, and indignity and building up sheltering walls alive with God's love and salvation. As you go to into our community, you go, as always, with the blessings of this congregation. And you go as workers for the kingdom of God, anointed and filled with the spirit of God.

Congregation:

Go with our love and our prayers. Go as beloved hands and hearts of the body of Christ. Carry our witness of God's splendor to all whom you encounter. We celebrate your caring, your energy, and your faith. We pray for your safety and for your faithful service to our God. Carry our blessings with you, and return to us with servants' hearts on fire with the spirit of God.

Habitat Volunteers:

We covenant with our God and with our Church to go as faithful servants. May the love of God and the love our congregations flow through each of us, making us instruments of God's peace.

All: AMEN

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

Having rested in God's embrace, go out and comfort the restless.
Having been comforted by God's grace, go out to embrace the weary.
Having been renewed by the Gospel, go out and be the Good News to the world.

All: May God take our lips and speak through them; take our minds and think through them; take our hearts and set them on fire. Amen!

Announcements

♪ Hymn “God Bless America”

**God bless America, Land that I love,
Stand beside her, and guide her,
Thru the night with the light from a-bove.
From the mountains, to the prairies,
To the oceans, white with foam,
God bless America, My home, sweet home,
God bless America, My home, sweet home.**

Postlude “He's Got the Whold World in His Hands”

arr. Lorie Line

SERVING TODAY

Our Worship Team:

Bill Stangl, Litanist, Vocal
Sherry McElhatton, Piano, Vocal
Karla Spaits, Melodica, Ukulele, Vocal
Elsa Kirkegaard, Flute, Percussion
Lily Lindgren, Camera

Ministers: ALL OF YOU!

The flowers on the altar are in honor of Loran & Rozanne Butzlaff's 54th Wedding Anniversary.

CALENDAR – WEEK OF JULY 5

July 7 10:00 am. Lectionary Study via Zoom, see link below

July 7 – 11 Peace Habitat in West Bend

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:

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Lectionary texts for July 12 – Sixth Sunday after Pentecost

Genesis 25:19-34 and Psalm 119:105-112 • Isaiah 55:10-13 and Psalm 65:(1-8), 9-13 • Romans 8:1-11 • Matthew 13:1-9, 18-23

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 5 - 11

July 5	Karen Kletti, Hunter Loser
July 6	Gordon Dickman
July 7	Hannah Preder
July 8	Sarah Augustin, Kevin Lemke, Joan Schleif (81)
July 9	Katelyn Leithold, Cody Lemke, Doreen Mohr
July 10	John Schmahl

Happy Anniversary

July 5 - 11

July 6	Albert & Sue Hembel (46), Josh & Taylor O'Brien-Flasch (8)
July 7	John & Karen Kletti (41)
July 9	Loran & Rozanne Butzlaff (54)
July 10	Todd & Debra Stern (27)
July 11	Pat & Mugs McFadden (56)

PRAYER LIST

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

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)

Robin Kann (Atwater)

Valerie Knurr (Kletti)

Bonnie Laufenberg (Lemke)

Mrs. Muckerhide

Babette Rhoads (Rhoads)

Ashlyn Roecker (Becker)

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

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)

Dennis Jacak (Manthei/Rauch)

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 who have begun a new journey in God's eternal peace:

Cherie Singer

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)

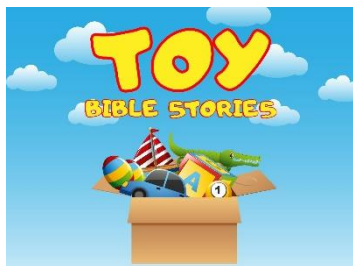
Maggie Singer (Army National Guard)

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

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. Watch for registration forms coming soon. 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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