

# **Peace United Church of Christ**

Rev. Eric Kirkegaard 1 August 2021 Tenth 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**

## **Gathering Music**

## Greetings - Announcements - Prayer Requests



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Turning to God

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

all.

Many: And also with you.

One: Come and worship the Lord in the great sanctuary.

All: God of creation's glory, fill us today with your wondrous bounty.

Take us as we are, O God, and feed the yearnings of our souls. Touch us that we might live body and soul in your keeping. With hope and thanksgiving 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."

Confessing and Receiving Forgiveness

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

All: Merciful God, we gather and are reminded of how often we

overlook you. Even in the sights and sounds and smells of creation, it is too easy to forget to appreciate your wonder. In the noisy demands of our lives, we lose track of offering you our thankfulness. We fall short of seeing your holiness in every person and every creature that we encounter. We fail to treat our neighbors as ourselves. We fail even to treat ourselves as your precious creations. God, forgive us for our inattentiveness and our whining... too often we are just looking to be fed for the moment instead of seeking to be fed

with eternal food.

One: Beloved savior, for what we do and for what we fail to do, we seek

your forgiveness.

Our God is good, his love and mercy are without bounds. Open your hearts and receive the good news, God has walked with us, suffered with us, died for us, and risen to offer new life to each of us. We are forgiven that our lives may freely embrace the relationship which God offers us. Praise God!

↑ → Halleluja "Hal-le, hal-le, hal-le, lu-ja"

The Passing of the Peace

Peace be with you,

And also with you.

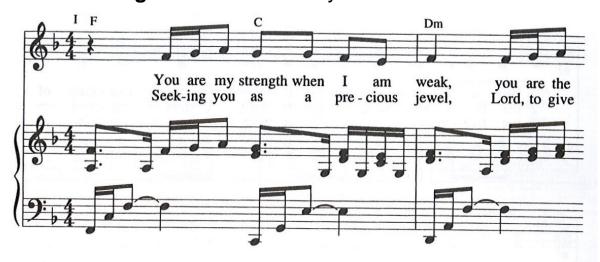
Special Music - The Children from Vacation Bible School

Epistle Ephesians 4:1-16 (right click for link)

The Children's Time

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

# PLEASE hum or sing: #427 "You Are My All in All"







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Gospel John 6:24-35 (right click for link)

Sermon "What are We Looking For?"

Special Music "There is Sunshine in My Soul" arr. Lorie Line

**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.

The Sacrament of Holy Communion

**Prayer of Consecration** 

PLEASE hum or sing quietly: #737 Santo, Santo, Santo

Holy, holy, holy, my heart, my heart adores you.

My heart is glad to say the words:

you are Holy, Lord!

Santo, santo, mi corazon te adora.

Mi corazon te sabe decir: santo eres Senor.

Sharing Christ's Story

Prayer of Thanksgiving (in unison)

O God, in this simple meal you come to us again. You share yourself and your sustaining Spirit with our hungering souls. In the broken bread and the shared cup, the good news is proclaimed. Christ was born, Christ has died, Christ has risen, Christ will come again. Amen

Pastoral Prayer – Silent Prayer

Benediction

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

Many: Thanks be to God! Alleluia and Amen.

**Announcements** 

#### PLEASE hum or sing Hymn "Go Make Disciples"

Go make disciples

baptizing them teaching them

Go make disciples

For I am with you 'til the end of time

Go be the salt of the earth

Go be the light for the world

Go be the city on a hill

So all can see that you're serving me

Go make disciples

Lectionary for Sunday, August 8th, 8 a.m. and 9:30 a.m. at Peace Church: Eleventh Sunday after Pentecost: 2 Samuel 18:5-9, 15, 31-33 and Psalm 130 • 1 Kings 19:4-8 and Psalm 34:1-8 • Ephesians 4:25-5:2 • John 6:35, 41-51

#### **SERVING TODAY**

Video: Jake Lemke

Audio: Joshua Spaits

Our Worship Team:

Musicians: Sherry McElhatton Sexton: Roger Lindgren

Karla Spaits Elsa Kirkegaard Berit Kirkegaard

Roger Mertz Eric Walker

Litanist: Jackie McCurdy

Ministers: ALL OF US!

# 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. "Taste and see that the Lord is good!" Psalm 34:8 Next week: Our time is limited.

<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>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. 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 vaccinated.

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 August 1 – August 7

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- Aug 2 Connie Zemlicka
- Aug 3 Randy Backhaus, Clayton Stoffel
- Aug 4 Kay Blackburn
- Aug 5 Blaine Atwater
- Aug 7 Brianna Augustin, Pat Schnepf

# Happy Anniversary August 1 – August 7

- Aug 3 Vance & Susan Reif (30)
- Aug 4 Ron & Lynn Rusch (59)

#### **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
- Serving on the Consistory
- Greeter
- Litanist

- Singing in the Choirs
- PIGNIC August 1st
- Teaching Sunday School

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.

#### 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

Nancy Brodzeller

Hanna Bruenn

Fran Charland

Joyce Meinberg

Marilyn McIntosh

Dennis Novotny

Chris Rode

Judy ChristensenKathy RundquistMarkus FrankMichael SchmidtBetty GraffGreg VorpahlJohn HerbstBev WinninghoffJim MeinbergConnie Zemlicka

## Friends & Family:

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

Klaine (Lemke) Gerald Piittmann
Patricia Hohl Babette Rhoads

Debbie (Hallen) Colin Volm

# **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)

Kevin White (L. Swanson)

<u>Prayers of Comfort</u> to the family of Pauline Jaeger. Pauline passed away at her home on Thursday, July 29, 2021.

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

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# SUNDAY

August 15, 2021

8:00 & 9:30 a.m. Worship

Ice Cream Sundaes served during Coffee Hour after services

Invite young and old... friends, neighbors, family, co-workers...

No matter who you are, or where you are on life's journey, you're <u>WELCOME</u> here!