



Peace United Church of Christ

Rev. Eric Kirkegaard

15 August 2021

Twelfth 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

Greeting

↑**Hymn # 47** “Come, Now is the Time to Worship” Brian Doerksen

Come, now is the time to worship
Come, now is the time to give your heart
Come, just as you are to worship
Come, just as you are before your God
Come . . .

One day every tongue will confess you are God
One day every knee will bow
Still the greatest treasure remains for those
Who gladly choose You now

Gathering Our Hearts Before God – Psalm 19:1-4a, 14

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

Many: And also with you.

One: The heavens are telling the glory of God;

Many: and the firmament proclaims his handiwork.

One: Day to day pours forth speech,

Many: and night to night declares knowledge.

One: There is no speech, nor are there words;

All: their voice is not heard; yet their voice goes out though all the earth,

One: and their words to the end of the world.

All: Let the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart be acceptable to you, O Lord, my rock and my redeemer.

Confession and Receiving Forgiveness

One: We humbly offer the truth of our hearts before God.

All: Precious Lord, if we say that we do not have sin, we deceive ourselves. How often we close our eyes to your presence, we deny your wisdom and your ways: for our stubbornness... forgive us, for our insistence on seeking our own ways... unsettle us, from our fears which prevent us from hearing and noticing the heart of your ways... transform us. Beloved Lord help us to know the grace of your forgiveness. Settle the racings of our souls and stir the quietude of self-reflection. Remind us again that to be your beloved children means to take on your ways and to love your people - to be attentive to the fullness of your blessings. Shine your grace upon us that we may be honest with ourselves and with you even within the shadows of our souls. By your grace, illuminate us so that we may praise you with our whole being.

One: The God of love who formed us intimately in our mother's womb knows all the workings of our hearts. Know again as though for the first time, that in Christ you have been forgiven. Welcome God's embrace and be whole.

All: Amen

↑ **Act of Praise** (sung to the tune of Lasst Uns Erfreuen hymn #23)

***“From all that dwell below the skies
let the Creator’s praise arise; Alleluia! Alleluia!
Let the Redeemer’s name be sung;
let God the Spirit free each tongue.
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!”***

↑ **The Passing of the Peace**

Peace be with you
And also with you

The Children’s Time “What Would You Do?”

Please hum or sing: “Jesus Loves Me, This I Know”

Hymn #347 “Lord, You Have Come Down to the Lakeshore”

Epistle [Ephesians 5:15-20](#)

Gospel [John 6:51-58](#)

Sharing Our Story

The Canoe Crew

↑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 – 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

Leader: Go in Peace, serve the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God! Alleluia and Amen.

Announcements

↑Hymn #494 “Step by Step”

Postlude

The Altar Flowers are in honor of Jim and Idelle Breitbach in celebration of their 40th Wedding Anniversary. ❤️

Lectionary for August 22: 1 Kings 8:(1,6,10-11), 22-30, 41-43 and Psalm 84 • Joshua 24:1-2a, 14-18 and Psalm 34:15-22 • Ephesians 6:10-20 • John 6:56-69

SERVING TODAY

Litanists: Canada Canoe Trip Group: Berit Kirkegaard, Elsa Kirkegaard, Laura Kirkegaard, Karen Kletti, Maggie Singer, Josh Spaits, John Kletti, Karla Spaits, Pastor Eric

Ushers: (8)

(9:30) Joe & Mary Billmann

Organist: Karla Spaits

Video: Jake Lemke

Audio: Joshua Spaits

Coffee Hour: (8) Ice Cream Social (CE Board)

(9:30) Ice Cream Social (CE Board, Joe & Mary Billmann)

NEWS & NOTES

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.

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

If you are vaccinated, per CDC guidelines, in order to maximize protection from the Delta variant and prevent possibly spreading it to others, the CDC recommends wearing a mask indoors in public if you are in an area of substantial or high transmission. Currently, Washington County falls into that category. Masks are available at all entrances.

Peace Church Worship on YouTube: 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.

Lectionary group at Peace Church – Lectionary gatherings resume on August 17th. 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.

Book Discussion Group: On Wednesday, September 1st at 9:30 a.m., the Book Discussion Group will be discussing "The Pull of the Stars" by Emma Donoghue. The group meets in the Music Room across the hall from the office. Kay Blackburn will be the discussion leader. The book for October is "Maid" by Stephanie Land.

Altar Flowers – 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).

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

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
- 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.

Volunteers – Please join us on Tuesday, August 24th from 9:00-10:30 AM as we prepare Sunday School and Confirmation classrooms and bulletin boards for the coming year. All materials will be provided. We simply need your willing spirit and helpful hands! Thank you!



Summer Coffee Hour – 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

Habitat for Humanity – Peace Church Habitat for Humanity group will be working at a site in West Bend on August 17th and August 19th. 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

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
Fran Charland
Judy Christensen
Markus Frank
Betty Graff
John Herbst
Jim Meinberg
Joyce Meinberg
Marilyn McIntosh
Dennis Novotny
Michael Schmidt
Greg Vorpahl
Bev Winninghoff

Connie Zemlicka

Friends & Family:

Ezekiel
Lorrie (H. Bruenn)
Klaine (Lemke)
Patricia Hohl
Debbie (Hallen)
Jeremy (Rodenkirch)
Alan Kuehl (J. Manthei)
Gerald Piittmann
Babette Rhoads
Colin Volm

Those Dealing with Cancer:

Members: Laurie Struck, Carol Butzlaff, Dean Roe, Jim Roe, Joan Schleif, Heidi Rodenkirch

Friends & Family:

David (Grundahl)	Paula Hader (Adler)
Betty (J. Michaels)	Kathy Jarolimek (Henk)
Kathy (Augustin)	Kathy (S. Augustin family)
Gary & Evelyn Beaupre	Zannah & Kendra (Lindgren)
Jean Cornell (Herriges)	Sheri Theep (Van Beek)
Nephew of Beck Ehmer	Sue Mitchell (Rhoads)
Bonnie Erickson (Winninghoff)	Dennis Liepert (J. Michaels)
Kerri Estep (Atwater)	Sandra Senn (P. Behr)
Nancy Gruebling (Kletti)	

In Prayers of Comfort to the family and friends of Kevin White, a friend of Lucille Swanson, who passed away on Friday, July 30 from cancer.

To the family and friends of Jan Uhlman, who passed away this past week from cancer. Jan, a friend of Diane Stangl, was a long time teacher in Kewaskum.

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)

Our Covenanted Partner in Ministry: Rev. Gretchen Martin who serves the wider church through her work with the North Carolina Organ Donor Network.

BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES

Happy Birthday - August 15-21

Aug. 15 Brittany Luther
Aug. 16 Bonnie Busch, Kathy Shoemaker
Aug. 17 Kris Schmidt
Aug. 18 Sarah Jankowski, Emma Preder
Aug. 19 Roger Mertz, Shirley Ogi
Aug. 20 Lily Lindgren
Aug. 21 Karen Grundahl, Wyatt Herman,
Dean Roe (87), Ruth Whyte (100)

Anniversaries - August 15-21

Aug. 15 Jim & Idelle Breitbach (40), Bruce & Donna Steinhardt (39)
Aug. 18 Brian & Nicole Weinreich (14)
Aug. 19 Steve & Cheri Falk (26), Jeff & Deanna Mielke (21),
Tim & Sharon Zolp (32)
Aug. 20 Charlie & Pam Berres (16)
Aug. 21 Jim & Patti Reigle (74)

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

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

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