

# **Peace United Church of Christ**

Rev. Eric Kirkegaard 2 August 2020 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.

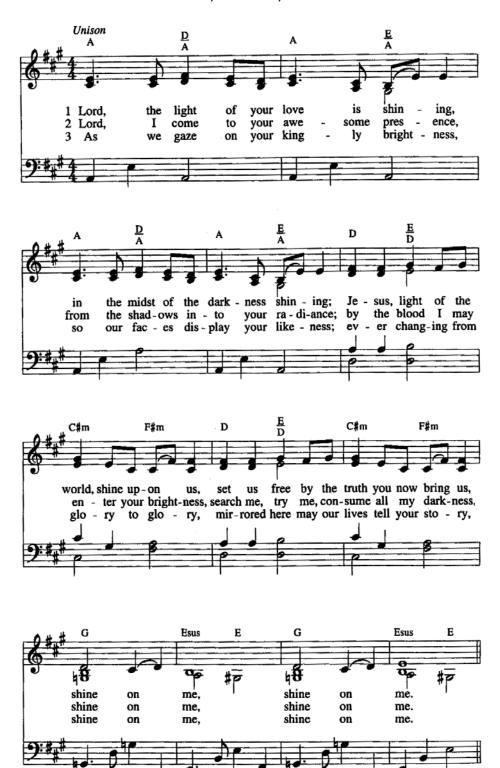
Therefore, we declare ourselves to be an Open and Affirming Congregation, where an extravagant welcome and grace are extended to all, and each person's gifts are celebrated, welcomed, nurtured and blessed, that all may be one. Amen.

Approved by Peace Church 10/20/2019

#### Greetings - A Time of Centering

**1**Hymn #319

"Shine, Jesus, Shine"



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Being Gathered with God – Psalm 145:8-9, 14-21

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

#### Many: And also with you.

One: The LORD is gracious and compassionate, slow to anger and rich in love.

# Many: The LORD is good to all; he has compassion on all he has made.

One: All you have made will praise you, O LORD; your saints will extol you.

#### Many: The LORD upholds all those who fall and lifts up all who are bowed down. The eyes of all look to you, and you give them their food at the proper time.

- One: You open your hand and satisfy the desires of every living thing. The LORD is righteous in all his ways and loving toward all he has made.
- Many: The LORD is near to all who call on him, to all who call on him in truth. He fulfills the desires of those who fear him; he hears their cry and saves them.
- One: The LORD watches over all who love him, but all the wicked he will destroy.

#### ALL: MY MOUTH WILL SPEAK IN PRAISE OF THE LORD. LET EVERY CREATURE PRAISE GOD'S HOLY NAME FOR EVER AND EVER. PRAISE THE LORD!

Invocation and Our Lord's Prayer

God of glory beyond imaginings, fill us today with visions of your wonder. Shine your light upon us, and around, and within us. Invite us just as we are, O God, to step out onto the yearnings of our souls. Teach us to trust in your ways as 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** 

Merciful God, here amidst new surroundings we are reminded of how often we overlook You. The myriad demands of our lives distract us from offering you our thankfulness. We forget to appreciate your wonder in all of the sights, and sounds, and smells, of creation. We fall short of seeing your holiness in every person and creature that we meet. We blind ourselves with our visions of how the world should be, instead of trusting in your vision.

Discerning Spirit, we confess that we are a broken people enslaved to sin. We fail to love you with all that we are. We limit the love that we offer to our neighbors near and far. We stumble in our efforts to truly accept how completely you claim each of us as your beloved children.

Beloved Savior, for what we have done and for what we have failed to do, we seek your forgiveness.

A time of silent reflection

Lord, in your mercy,

Hear our prayers. Amen

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!

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

Genesis 32:22-31

The Children's Time – let the child in each of us join in singing # Hymn #437 "Jesus Loves Me, This I Know" vs. 1

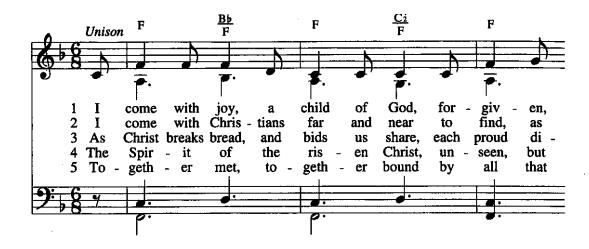
"I Come with Joy" (see next page)	
Matthew 14:1-21	
"What Kind of Party Will You Choose?"	
"The Family of God"	Bill Gaither
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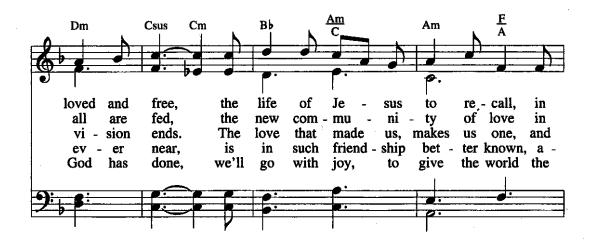
Prayer of Dedication

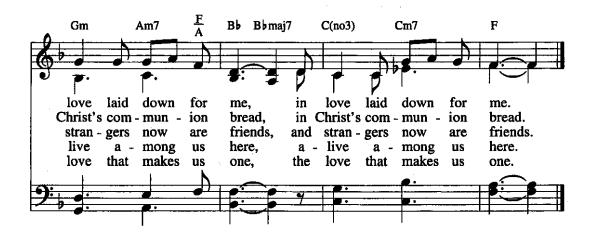
Gracious Christ, we open our lives to Your spirit. We offer ourselves, our labors, our love, all that we are, to You and to Your world. Take our hands as you receive our gifts and grant us new life as your servants. Amen.

#### **J** Hymn #709

"I Come with Joy"







WORDS: Brian Wren (1936-) MUSIC: American melody; arr. Austin C. Lovelace (1919-) Words © 1971, 1995 Hope Publishing Company Music Arr. © 1977 Hope Publishing Company (9:30 service – Confirmation)

The Rite of Confirmation

The Invitation

The Questions to the Confirmands

Affirmation of Faith

Leader: Let us unite with the church in all times and places in confessing our faith in the triune God.

Do you believe in God?

## People: I believe in God.

Do you believe in Jesus Christ?

# People: I believe in Jesus Christ.

Do you believe in the Holy Spirit?

# People: I believe in the Holy Spirit.

We join in proclaiming together what we believe:

ALL: We believe in you, O God, Eternal spirit, God of our Savior Jesus Christ and our God, and to your deeds we testify;

You call the worlds into being, create persons in your own image, and set before each one the ways of life and death.

You seek in holy love to save all people from aimlessness and sin.

You judge people and nations by your righteous will declared through prophets and apostles.

In Jesus Christ, the man of Nazareth, our crucified and risen Savior, you have come to us and shared our common lot, conquering sin and death and reconciling the world to yourself. You bestow upon us your Holy Spirit, creating and renewing the church of Jesus Christ, binding in covenant faithful people of all ages, tongues, and races.

You call us into your church to accept the cost and joy of discipleship, to be your servants in the service of others, to proclaim the gospel to all the world and resist the powers of evil, to share in Christ's baptism and eat at his table, to join him in his passion and victory.

You promise to all who trust you forgiveness of sins and fullness of grace, courage in the struggle for justice and peace, your presence in trial and rejoicing, and eternal life in your realm which has no end.

Blessing and honor, glory and power be unto you. Amen.

Prayer of the Candidates (Pastor and Candidates)

O God, my God, known to me in Jesus Christ, I give myself to you as your own, to love and serve you faithfully all the days of my life. Amen

Prayers of the Congregation (congregation in unison)

Almighty God, who in baptism received these your servants into the church, forgave their sins, and promised them eternal life, increase in them the gifts of your Holy Spirit. Grant love for others, joy in serving you, peace in disagreement, patience in suffering, kindness toward all people, goodness in evil times, faithfulness in temptation, gentleness in the face of opposition, self-control in all things. Thereby strengthen them for their ministry in the world; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

The Act of Confirmation

The Welcome (congregation in unison)

We welcome you with joy into the family of Christ's disciples. By the power of the Holy Spirit, may we continue to grow together in the knowledge and love of God, and be faithful witnesses to our risen Savior. Alleluia and Amen.

1 The Blessing (in unison)

May God call you to action, to community, and to love.

May Jesus accompany you with confidence, compassion and healing.

May the Spirit fill you with fire and with faith.

The Sacrament of Holy Communion

Prayer of Consecration

#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, santo, mi corazon te adora.

Mi corazon te sabe decir: santo eres Senor.

Preparation of the Table

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

Benediction

Leader: Go in peace, serve the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God! Alleluia and Amen.

Hymn #709 "Hallelujah! We Sing Your Praises" (see next page)

Postlude

Congratulations to our 2020 9th Grade Confirmation Class

Zachary AugustinElena ChamberlainShelby FalkHunter LoserDerek MaySamantha MielkeMegan RoehrigEthan Singer

#### SERVING TODAY

Our Worship Team:

Sherry McElhatton, Piano, Vocal Karla Spaits, Melodica, Vocal Elsa Kirkegaard, Flute, Percussion, Vocal Lauren Chamberlain, Violin Elena Chamberlain, Cello, Vocal Bill Stangl, Vocal Gayle Van Ess, Litanist

Ministers: ALL OF YOU!

#### ♪ Hymn #709

"Hallelujah! We Sing Your Praises"



# CALENDAR – WEEK OF AUGUST 2

**Pastor Eric will be on vacation from August 3 – August 16**. Rev. Eric Ogi will be welcoming us to worship virtually with his church – The Federated Church in Sycamore, IL. The link to their worship service is through Facebook: https://www.facebook.com/federatedchurchsycamoreil

The link will also be placed our church website. Worship at the Federated Church goes live at 10:00 a.m. Sunday morning.

While Pastor Eric is away, Pastor Bob Blackburn will be on call for pastoral care needs. Please contact the Church Office (262-626-4011) or Pastor Bob (920-279-0816).

#### There will be no Lectionary group on August 4 or August 11.

#### 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 <u>GIVE</u> 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.

# Summer Sunday School

Be sure to tune into the Peace Church YouTube channel through August. Follow the <u>Sunday School</u> link at: www.peace-ucc.org or **YouTube** Channel Link

Each week, Ms. Alexia will offer a <u>fun lesson</u> 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 <u>serving</u> <u>God</u>, 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!



# 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.

# BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES

Happy Birthday August 2 August 3 August 4 August 6 August 7 August 8 August 9 August 12 August 13 August 14	August 2 - 15 Connie Zemlicka Randy Backhaus, Clayton Stoffel Kay Blackburn Bonnie Will, Ron Will Brianna Augustin, Pat Schnepf LeRoy Butzlaff A. John Scheidenhelm (89) Fran Charland Jacob Manogue, Steve Spoerl Patrick Bobb, William Grahl, Coralee Kivell
August 14	Patrick Bobb, William Grahl, Coralee Kivell
August 15	Betty Graff (87)

#### Happy Anniversary August 2 – 15

August 3	Vance & Susan Reif (29)
August 4	Ron & Lynn Rusch (58)
August 9	Barry & Bonnie Clark(40)
August 10	Darrel & Judy Nonhof (63)
August 11	Brandon & Lori Zolp (2)
August 13	Eric & Tricia Walker (15)
August 15	Mark & Katlin Evans (11),
	Bruce & Donna Steinhardt (11)

#### 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 Hanna Bruenn Debbie Butzlaff Barry Clark John Coulter Marion Doms Gary Fisher Betty Graff Les Martin Marilyn McIntosh Jim Meinberg

#### 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) Robert Neumann Don Neitzel Dennis Novotny Mitch Ogi Alexia Polzin Heidi Rodenkirch Carol Sedgwick Betty Skaug Alec Taylor Greg Vorpahl Bev Winninghoff

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)

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 Nancy Gruebling (Kletti) 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 who have entered eternal life:

"Connie" (Laverne) Fehrer who rejoined her husband Ken in God's eternal keeping on Monday July 27th, 2020. Connie suffered a stroke and was blessed be able to have her son and daughter with her in her final days.

Charles Ogi died July 30th, 2020 at home with his family gathered around him. To the end "Doc" was giving thanks for all the love and support of his family, his church family, and his community.

# **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.

# PEACE CHURCH CONTACT INFORMATION

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