



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

WORSHIP SERVICE

Greetings - A Time of Centering

↑ Hymn #319

"Shine, Jesus, Shine"

Unison

1 Lord, the light of your love is shin - ing,
2 Lord, I come to your awe - some pres - ence,
3 As we gaze on your king - ly bright - ness,

in the midst of the dark - ness shin - ing; Je - sus, light of the
from the shad - ows in - to your ra - di - ance; by the blood I may
so our fac - es dis - play your like - ness; ev - er chang - ing from

world, shine up - on us, set us free by the truth you now bring us,
en - ter your bright - ness, search me, try me, con - sume all my dark - ness,
glo - ry to glo - ry, mir - rored here may our lives tell your sto - ry,

shine on me, shine on me.
shine on me, shine on me.
shine on me, shine on me.

Refrain A $\frac{E}{A}$ A D Bm $\frac{A}{C\#}$ $\frac{Bm}{D}$ $\frac{B7}{D\#}$ Esus E Esus E

Shine, Je - sus, shine, fill this land with the Fa-ther's glo - ry;

A $\frac{E}{A}$ A D Bm $\frac{A}{C\#}$ $\frac{Bm}{D}$ Bm G Esus E

blaze, Spir - it, blaze, set our hearts on fire.

A $\frac{E}{A}$ A D Bm $\frac{A}{C\#}$ $\frac{Bm}{D}$ $\frac{B7}{D\#}$ Esus E Esus E

Flow, riv - er, flow, flood the na - tions with grace and mer - cy;

A $\frac{E}{A}$ A D Bm $\frac{A}{C\#}$ $\frac{Bm}{D}$ E7 A $\frac{D}{A}$

send forth your Word, Lord, and let there be light.

1, 2	Final ending
$\frac{E}{A}$ $\frac{D}{A}$	$\frac{E}{A}$ $\frac{D}{A}$ A $\frac{D}{A}$ A

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

♪ Hymn #709 “I Come with Joy” (see next page)

Gospel

Matthew 14:1-21

Sermon

“What Kind of Party Will You Choose?”

Special Music

“The Family of God”

Bill Gaither

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.

🎵 Hymn #709

“I Come with Joy”

Unison F $\frac{Bb}{F}$ F $\frac{C2}{F}$ F

1 I come with joy, a child of God, for - giv - en,
 2 I come with Chris - tians far and near to find, as
 3 As Christ breaks bread, and bids us share, each proud di -
 4 The Spir - it of the ris - en Christ, un - seen, but that
 5 To - geth - er met, to - geth - er bound by all that

Dm Csus Cm Bb $\frac{Am}{C}$ Am $\frac{F}{A}$

loved and free, the life of Je - sus to re - call, in
 all are fed, the new com - mu - ni - ty of love in
 vi - sion ends. The love that made us, makes us one, and
 ev - er near, is in such friend - ship bet - ter known, a -
 God has done, we'll go with joy, to give the world the

Gm Am7 $\frac{F}{A}$ Bb Bbmaj7 C(no3) Cm7 F

love laid down for me, in love laid down for me.
 Christ's com - mun - ion bread, in Christ's com - mun - ion bread.
 stran - gers now are friends, and stran - gers now are friends.
 live a - mong us here, a - live a - mong us here.
 love that makes us one, the love that makes us one.

(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.

↑ 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 hungry 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 Augustin

Elena Chamberlain

Shelby Falk

Hunter Loser

Derek May

Samantha Mielke

Megan Roehrig

Ethan 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”

Refrain Am G C G

Hal - le - lu - jah! We sing your prais - es, all our

D G Am G G7/B Am G Am/C

hearts are filled with glad - ness. Hal - le - lu - jah! We sing your

G/D Em D G/D Am/D G

prais - es, all our hearts are filled with glad - ness.

Am G C G D G Am G

1 Christ the Lord to us said: I am wine, I am bread,
2 Now he sends us all out, strong in faith, free of doubt,

to Refrain (after repeat)
G7/B Am G Am/C G/D Em D G/D Am/D G

I am wine, I am bread, give to all who thirst and hun - ger.
strong in faith, free of doubt. Tell to all the joy - ful Gos - pel.

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 on 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 [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.

Summer Sunday School

Be sure to tune into the Peace Church YouTube channel through 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 servicing 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!



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 15

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

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

Friends & Family:

Ruth Betts (M. McFadden)	Eric Haas (Lemke)
Caelyb (Bocher)	Heidi (C. Manthei)
Jessica (DeLaurier)	Sue Heiser (Rodenkirch)
Ron Geurts (Stern)	Jeremy Heiser (Rodenkirch)
William Gudex (C. Gudex)	Mason Hollbrook (Bocher)
Cindy Hoffman (Grundahl)	Robin Kann (Atwater)
Debbie (Hallen)	Valerie Knurr (Kletti)
Larry Haas (Lemke)	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.

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