



Peace United Church of Christ

Rev. Eric Kirkegaard

22 August 2021

Thirteenth 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 "The Gift of Love" arr. Hal Hopson
Elsa Kirkegaard & Karla Spaits – Flute Duet, Sherry McElhatton, Piano

Greeting

†Hymn # 148 "Come, Thou Almighty King"

Gathering Our Hearts Before God – Psalm 84

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

Many: And also with you.

One: How lovely is your dwelling place, O LORD of hosts!

Many: My soul longs, faints for the home God offers; my heart and my flesh sing for joy to the living God.

One: In you my King and my God, even the sparrow finds a home, and the swallow a nest for herself where she may lay her young.

Many: Those who live in your house are blessed, ever singing your praise. Strength in you fills them with joy. A joy that will be seen throughout the land.

One: O LORD God of hosts, hear my prayer; give ear, God of Jacob! You are our shield, O God; look on your children.

Many: A day in your presence is better than a thousand elsewhere. I would rather be a doorkeeper in the house of my God than to be an honored guest in a palace of sin.

One: For You O LORD are my sun and shield; you are life and security.

All: You withhold no good thing from those who walk with You. O LORD of the heavens, trust in you is an endless source of joy.

Confession and Receiving Forgiveness

One: We break open the workings of our hearts and offer our confession before our God.

All: Bread of life, gift of heaven, gracious Christ, we come before you challenged to again admit our brokenness. How often we fail to embrace your ever-changing ways. We rest too easily in our certainty instead of in your eternal sacrifice. Feed us with unsettling wisdom. Shake us with the power of your witness. For what we do and for what we have failed to do, forgive us. For our

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 #838 “Standing on the Promises of God” (hymn in back of bulletin)

Postlude

The Altar Flowers are in memory of Barbara O’Connor and in celebration of Jerry O’Connor’s birthday. ❤️

Lectionary for August 29: Song of Solomon 2:8-13 and Psalm 45:1-2, 6-9 • Deuteronomy 4:1-2, 6-9 and Psalm 15 • James 1:17-27 • Mark 7:1-8, 14-15, 21-23

SERVING TODAY

Litanists:

Ushers: (8)

(9:30)

Musicians: Elsa Kirkegaard, Karla Spaits

Organist: Sherry McElhatton

Video: Jake Lemke

Audio: Joshua Spaits

Coffee Hour: (8)

(9:30) Ruth & Holly Henk

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 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!

Youth Choir

Attention Youth and Parents/Guardians: We plan to restart Youth Choir outdoors (weather permitting) in September. Our first practice will be Sunday, September 5 after our second Worship service. Plan to gather on the north lawn near the gazebo from about 10:40 to 11:00 a.m. No age limit - all are welcome!

If you have any questions or would like to volunteer, please contact Sherry at 262-305-7926 or mcelhatton4@gmail.com Thank you! Sherry McElhatton

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

Cedar Valley Part-time Employment: Cedar Valley, UCCI is looking to add a few extra hands to its incredible team. Whether you are interested in housekeeping, adding your talents to the kitchen, or you'd like to help in our office part time... We'd like to get to know you.

This is a perfect opportunity for High School students or anyone looking for part time employment. At Cedar Valley, hours are flexible and may include weekends. Volunteer Opportunities are also available.

Contact Michelle Spettel, Email – mspettel@ucci.org, Phone – 262.629.1852

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:

Brianna Augustin
Rev. Bob Blackburn
Harvey Brodzeller
Nancy Brodzeller
Fran Charland
Judy Christensen
Markus Frank
Betty Graff
John Herbst
Jim Meinberg
Joyce Meinberg
Marilyn McIntosh
Jinny Michaels
Dennis Novotny
Clark Pearson
Michael Schmidt

Greg Vorpahl
Bev Winninghoff
Connie Zemlicka

Friends & Family:

Ezekiel
Gene
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)
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. Behr)

Prayers of Comfort to Della Lehmann and family on the death of Della's sister-in-law, Eileen, who passed away on Thursday, August 11, 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)

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 22-28

August 22 Duane Fenrick
August 23 Jamie Herman
August 23 Bev Winninghoff
August 25 Karen Fellenz
August 25 Benjamin Herbst
August 27 JoAnn Manthei
August 28 Dustin Luther

Anniversaries - August 22-28

August 22 Kedrick & Corrie Strutz (13)
August 26 Mandi & Jeffrey Rahmer (15)

Sunday School News

Families with Children ages Pre-K through 6th Grade will want to attend the 9:30 worship service on Sunday, September 12th, RALLY DAY for Sunday School, and be sure to bring their backpacks to receive a special blessing and bag tag.

All School, Sunday School, and Confirmation teachers, administrators, and staff are also encouraged to participate in the blessing, with or without their backpacks.

Students in 7th-8th grades will be receiving a special gift on RALLY day as well. Pastor Eric will have a gift for **9th grade students** at their first confirmation gathering.

Children in the PreK-Kdg class and 3rd-4th Grade Class will receive their very own Bibles on the following Sunday, September 19th. *The Beginner's Bible* will be presented to all Pre-K and Kdg students who have not already received one, while *The NIV Adventure Bible* will be given to all 3rd and 4th Grade students who do not already have theirs.

PEACE CHURCH CONTACT INFORMATION

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Pastor Eric cell: 262-707-0758 - pastor@peace-ucc.org

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

On the web @ www.peace-ucc.org Find Peace on [Facebook](#) On YouTube at:

[Peace UCC Kewaskum](#)

Hymn #838 – Standing on the Promises of God

1 Stand - ing on the prom - is - es of Christ my king,
2 Stand - ing on the prom - is - es that can - not fail,
3 Stand - ing on the prom - is - es of Christ the Lord,
4 Stand - ing on the prom - is - es I can - not fall,

through e - ter - nal a - ges let his prais - es ring;
when the howl - ing storms of doubt and fear as - sail,
bound to him e - ter - nal - ly by love's strong cord,
lis - tening ev - ery mo - ment to the Spir - it's call,

glo - ry in the high - est, I will shout and sing,
by the liv - ing Word of God I shall pre - vail,
o - ver - com - ing dai - ly with the Spir - it's sword,
rest - ing in my Sav - ior as my all in all,

stand - ing on the prom - is - es of God.
stand - ing on the prom - is - es of God.
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Perhaps because this hymn is so well known, its language sounds vaguely scriptural; but while there are various biblical uses of "stand" and "promise(s)," the two words are never combined. The confidence here is similar to that of "My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less" (see no. 353).

Refrain

Stand - ing, stand - ing,
stand - ing on the prom - is - es, stand - ing on the prom - is - es,

stand - ing on the prom - is - es of God my Sav - ior;

stand - ing, stand - ing,
stand - ing on the prom - is - es, stand - ing on the prom - is - es,

I'm stand - ing on the prom - is - es of God.