



Peace United Church of Christ

Rev. Eric Kirkegaard

23 August 2020

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.

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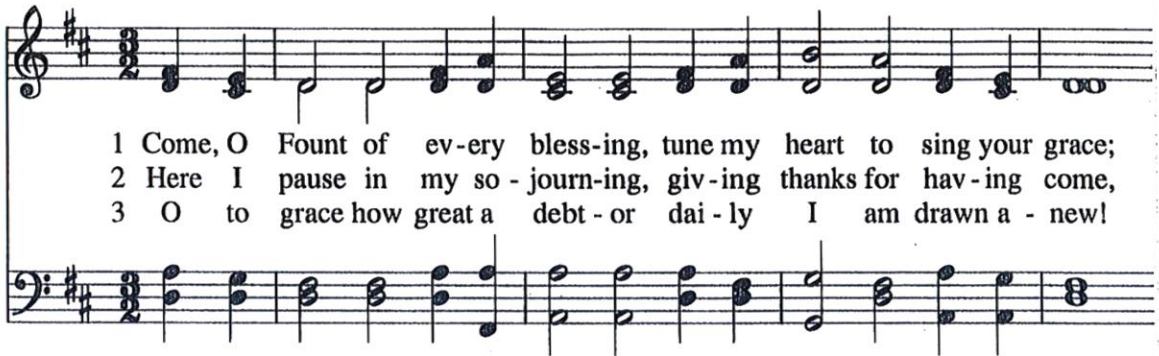
WORSHIP SERVICE

Greetings - A Time of Centering

Hymn #459 NCH "Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing"

Ps. 36:7-9

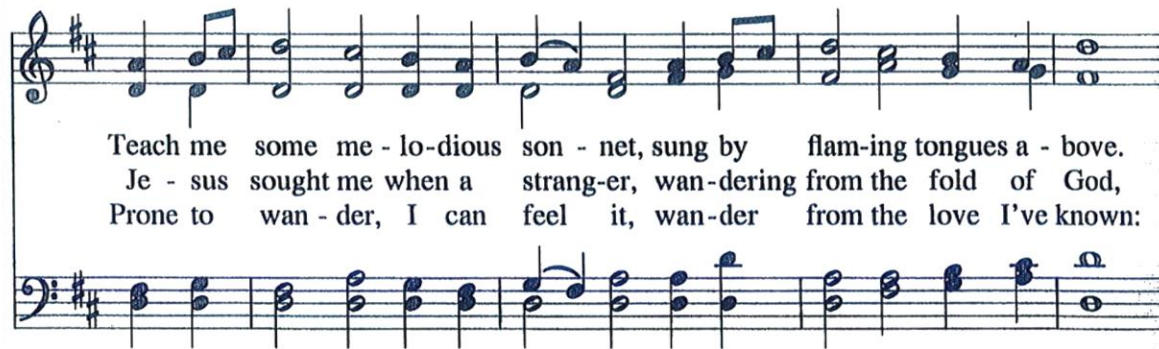
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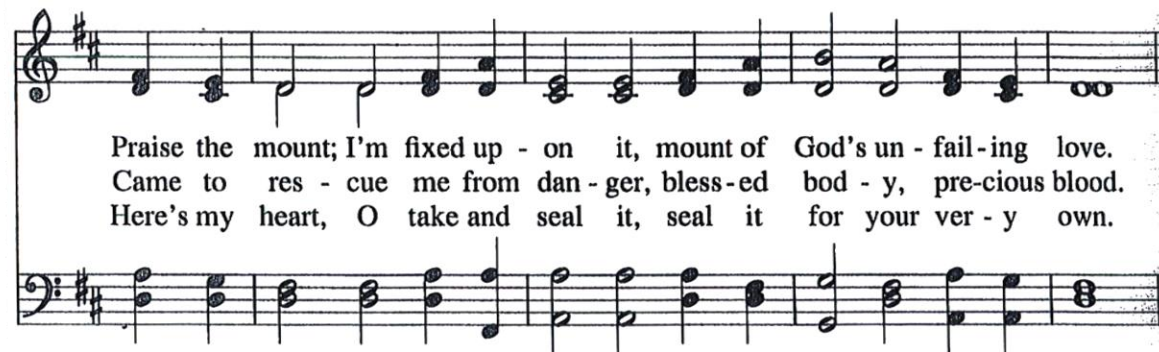
1 Come, O Fount of ev-ery bless-ing, tune my heart to sing your grace;
2 Here I pause in my so - journ-ing, giv-ing thanks for hav-ing come,
3 O to grace how great a debt - or dai - ly I am drawn a - new!



streams of mer - cy, nev-er ceas - ing, call for songs of end-less praise.
come to trust, at ev-ery turn - ing, God will guide me safe-ly home.
Let that grace now, like a fet - ter, bind my wan-dering heart to you.



Teach me some me - lo-dious son - net, sung by flam-ing tongues a - bove.
Je - sus sought me when a strang-er, wan-dering from the fold of God,
Prone to wan - der, I can feel it, wan-der from the love I've known:



Praise the mount; I'm fixed up - on it, mount of God's un - fail - ing love.
Came to res - cue me from dan - ger, bless - ed bod - y, pre - cious blood.
Here's my heart, O take and seal it, seal it for your ver - y own.

Being Gathered in the Presence of God – (Based on Psalm 124, an ancient Hebrew song which recalls God’s deliverance in a time of distress)

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

Many: And also with you.

One: We echo the voices of our ancestors in faith:

Many: If God had not been for us, when everyone was against us, we would have been swept away long ago.

One: The flood waters would have carried us away, we would have been lost, never again to stand upon the earth.

All: Blessed be the LORD, who will not leave us or abandon us!

One: We praise the God who sets us free from fear and despair. God releases us from the grip of anger and revenge, leading us to reconciliation and forgiveness.

All: Our help is in the name of the LORD, who made heaven and earth. May God continue to shape us into a covenant people, guided by compassion and peace. Praise the Lord!

Confession of Sin and Assurance of Pardon

One: We lay bare the depths of our hearts before God and once again feel the longing for God's mercy, and for our healing.

All: God of all creation, we stand before you in humble adoration - even our weaknesses become strength in you. But Lord, we are ensnared by the strength of our weak desires. We bend to the ways of the world instead of bending in prayer before you. You challenge us to overcome our own pettiness and our stumbling faith through your tools of love and faithfulness. We try to hear you Lord, but culture seeks to conform us to its ways. How do we stand against a world so

loud and insistent? How do we find the strength within us to turn and rest fully in your will? God, we seek your mercy. Transform us by the renewing of our souls. Free us for the joyful obedience and humble discernment of your will. Forgive us, we pray.

Silence

One: O God, we proclaim You again as Lord of our lives.

Many: **Transform us with your will, write on our hearts what is good and acceptable and perfect in your sight.**

One: We pray as Jesus prayed:

All: ***“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.”***

One: The mercy and the love of God are endless. Friends, believe the good news of the gospel, trust in God's abundant promise.

All: **In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.**

♪ 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

Epistle Lesson
Gospel

Romans 12:1-8
Matthew 16:13-17

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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 #559

"Here I Am, Lord"

Unison
G Am D7 C
G G G G

1 I, the Lord of sea and sky, I have heard my
2 I, the Lord of snow and rain, I have borne my
3 I, the Lord of wind and flame, I will tend the

G D G Em Am7 C

peo - ple cry. All who dwell in dark and sin
peo - ple's pain. I have wept for love of them,
poor and lame. I will set a feast for them,

Am D7 D D G Am D7
G G F# C G G G

my hand will save. I who made the stars of night,
they turn a - way. I will break their hearts of stone,
my hand will save. Fin-est bread I will pro-vide

C G D G Em
G G G G

I will make their dark - ness bright. Who will bear my
give them hearts for love a - lone. I will speak my
till their hearts be sat - is - fied. I will give my

WORDS: Daniel L. Schutte (1947-); para. Isaiah 6:8

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Refrain

Am7 C Am $\frac{G}{B}$ C6 *slowing* D $\frac{D7}{F\#}$

light to them? Whom shall I send?
 Word to them. Whom shall I send? Here I
 life to them. Whom shall I send?

a tempo
 G Gsus G $\frac{D7}{A}$ $\frac{C}{E}$ D7 G

am, Lord. Is it I, Lord? I have

$\frac{Cmaj7}{G}$ Am $\frac{G}{B}$ C6 D $\frac{D}{F\#}$ D

heard you call - ing in the night. I will

G Gsus G $\frac{C}{G}$ G $\frac{C}{E}$ D7 G

go, Lord, if you lead me. I will

Am7 $\frac{C}{D}$ D G $\frac{C}{G}$ G

hold your peo - ple in my heart.

OT Lesson

Exodus 1:8-2:10

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Sermon

“Bold Women and the Power of Compassion”

Special Music

“It Is Well with My Soul”

Lorie Line

Prayer of Dedication

Lord, your ways are beyond measure. We come before you with hearts filled with gratitude and yearning. Help us to discern your will and share your blessings with all of your creation. Amen.

Pastoral Prayer – Silent Prayer

Benediction

Leader: Go in peace, serve the Lord.

People: May God take our lips and speak through them; take our minds and think through them; take our hearts and set them on fire. Amen!

♩ Hymn 574

"I'm Gonna Live So God Can Use Me"

F B♭
F F Gm
F F

1 I'm gon-na live so gon-na live so God can use me
(I'm gon-na live so) (God can

F7 B♭ E♭
B♭ B♭ F B♭
F B♭
F

use me) an - y time and an - y - where.
(an - y time) (an - y -

F N.C. F B♭
F F A7
F

where.) I'm gon-na live so gon-na live so God can use me

Dm B♭6 F
C Dm7 G7 C7 F B♭
F

an - y time and an - y - where.
(an - y time) (an - y - where.)

2 I'm gonna work...

3 I'm gonna pray...

4 I'm gonna sing...

Postlude

SERVING TODAY

Our Worship Team:

Litanist: Berit Kirkegaard

Musicians:

Sherry McElhatton, Piano, Vocal

Karla Spaits, Melodica, Percussion, Vocal

Elsa Kirkegaard, Flute

Berit Kirkegaard, Clarinet, Percussion

Lauren Chamberlain, Violin

Elena Chamberlain, Cello

Maëlle Leopardo, Violin, Percussion, Vocal (Kirkegaard's French exchange student who remains in our pre-recorded clips even after returning home!)

Ministers: ALL OF YOU!

CALENDAR – WEEK OF AUGUST 23

August 25 10:00 a.m. Lectionary group via Zoom

Tuesdays at 10 am. - Lectionary group. Each week we will study the scripture for the upcoming Sunday.

Join Zoom Meeting on your computer by copying or clicking this link:

<https://zoom.us/j/299920158?pwd=WTdLNEx4dXExRHFteFB3RVBjQzN1dz09>

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Lectionary texts for August 30 – Thirteenth Sunday after Pentecost

Exodus 3:1-15 and Psalm 105:1-6, 23-26, 45b • Jeremiah 15:15-21 and Psalm 26:1-8 • Romans 12:9-21 • Matthew 16:21-28

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.

BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES

Happy Belated Birthday!

August 15	Brittany Luther
August 16	Bonnie Busch, Kathy Shoemaker
August 18	Sarah Jankowski, Emma Preder
August 19	Roger Mertz, Shirley Ogi
August 20	Lily Lindgren
August 21	Karen Grundahl, Wyatt Herman, Dean Roe (86), Ruth Whyte (99)
August 22	Duane Fenrick

Happy Birthday

August 23 - 29

August 23	Jamie Herman, Bev Winninghoff (81)
August 25	Karen Fellenz, Benjamin Herbst
August 27	JoAnn Manthei
August 28	Dustin Luther
August 29	Nancy Horning, Nancy Laguna

Happy Belated Anniversary

August 16	Mitch & Shirley Ogi (45)
August 18	Brian & Nicole Weinreich (13)
August 19	Steve & Cheri Falk (25), Jeff & Deanna Mielke (20), Tim & Sharon Zolp (31)
August 20	Charlie & Pam Berres (15)

August 21 Jim & Patricia Reigle (73)
August 22 Kedrick & Corrie Strutz (12)

Happy Anniversary - August 23 - 29

August 26 Mandi & Jeffrey Rahmer (14)

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	Carol Sedgwick
Gary Fisher	Betty Skaug
Carol Gardner	Mark Steinhardt
Betty Graff	Alec Taylor
Les Martin	Greg Vorpahl
Marilyn McIntosh	Bev Winninghoff
Jim Meinberg	

Friends & Family:

Ruth Betts (M. McFadden)	Jeremy Heiser (Rodenkirch)
Caelyb (Bocher)	Mason Hollbrook (Bocher)
Jessica (DeLaurier)	Robin Kann (Atwater)
Ron Geurts (Stern)	Valerie Knurr (Kletti)
William Gudex (C. Gudex)	Bonnie Laufenberg (Lemke)
Cindy Hoffman (Grundahl)	Mrs. Muckerhide
Debbie (Hallen)	Babette Rhoads (Rhoads)
Larry Haas (Lemke)	Ashlyn Roecker (Becker)
Eric Haas (Lemke)	Therese Rohlinger (Roesel)
Heidi (C. Manthei)	Ron Scheid (Liepert)
Sue Heiser (Rodenkirch)	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, Carol Butzlaff

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, Marion Doms

Those who have entered eternal life:

Doris Fisher, a beloved member of our congregation. Doris passed away on August 8, 2020 at the age of 100.

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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