



Peace United Church of Christ

Rev. Eric Kirkegaard

29 August 2021

Fourteenth 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.”

All: From time to time, O God, we find ourselves face to face with ourselves as we truly are: sinners, in need of your redemption. The words we speak, the deeds we do in haste, or without thinking, or without counting the cost, or out of malice, convict us. Our actions easily reveal the fallacy of our claims of pious innocence. We know we have no right to expect your forgiveness, let alone your love. Yet love and forgiveness are what you offer us. All we need to do is to turn in repentance to you. We ask you now: Forgive us, we pray. Help us to lead lives of gratitude and praise, now and always. Help us to remember your examples of truth, and light, and self sacrifice. In Jesus mercy we pray, Amen.

One: The God of love has invited us to share in the gift of grace. Know again as though for the first time, that you have been forgiven in Christ. Welcome God's embrace and become 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

Gospel [Mark 7:1-8, 14-15, 21-23](#)

The Children’s Time

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

Hymn #559 “Here I am, Lord”

Epistle [James 1:17-27](#)

Sermon “Doers of the Word”

Special Music Prelude in G Major By Melody Bober
Piano Trio: Elsa Kirkegaard, Karla Spaits, & Sherry McElhatton

↑ **Prayer of Dedication**

Gracious God, we give thanks for all the ways that you would reveal your transforming love: for the beauty of the earth, for the blessings of each day, for the gift of your invitation to us to live as

your beloved children and servants. May our gifts reflect the generosity we have learned from you. May our gifts further your ministry here and throughout the world. 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 #393

“Blest Be the Tie That Binds”

Postlude

“Bagatelle”

by Anton Diabelli

“Celebration”

by Dennis Alexander

Piano - Lia Piittmann

The Altar Flowers are in honor of Della Lehmann and the Lehmann family for Della’s birthday. Happy Birthday Della! ❤️

Lectionary for September 5: Proverbs 22:1-2, 8-9, 22-23 and Psalm 125 • Isaiah 35:4-7a and Psalm 146 • James 2:1-10, (11-13), 14-17 • Mark 7:24-37

SERVING TODAY

Litanists: Gayle Van Ess, Jackie McCurdy

Ushers: (8) (9:30)

Musicians: Elsa Kirkegaard, Lia Piittmann, Karla Spaits

Organist: Sherry McElhatton

Video: Jake Lemke

Audio: Joshua Spaits

Coffee Hour: (8) (9:30)

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 current County Covid cases our capacity is going backwards! At this time we should be limiting our attendance again to 25% of capacity! (about 50 worshippers in the sanctuary, the worship leaders are in addition to that number). During the summer we have been sitting close to this number. This is a bold reminder for all of us to do our part and consider how we not only keep ourselves safe, but also our neighbors and especially the most vulnerable among us. If each of us do our small part then we will more quickly and safely return to normal!

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.

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.

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, Sheri Rehn

Friends & Family:

David (Grundahl)
Betty (J. Michaels)
Kathy (Augustin)
Jean Cornell (Herriges)
Nephew of Beck Ehmer
Bonnie Erickson (Winninghoff)
Kerri Estep (Atwater)
Nancy Gruebling (Kletti)
Paula Hader (Adler)

Brenda Jacklin (Piittmann)
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)

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 29 – September 4

August 29 Nancy Horning, Nancy Laguna

August 30 Michael Bier

August 31 Jackson Brei, Nora Brei, Kristin Herrick, Della Lehmann (81), Rosemarie Maeder (86), Jerry O'Connor (86), Maggie Singer

September 1 James Manthei, Karen Taylor

September 2 Mugs McFadden

September 3 Charles Ogi, Amanda Schmeling

September 4 Michael Paul, Clark Pearson (83), Meagan Struck

Anniversaries – August 29 – September 4

August 30 Dan & Kathy Rundquist (46)

August 31 Scott & Sarah Augustin (19)

September 1 Greg & Julaine Ogi (43)

September 2 Julia & Christopher Beasley (3), Heidi & Matthew Leithold (32), Greg & Val Vorpahl (21)

September 4 Fred & Kathy Krieser (50)

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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Gayle Van Ess, Faith Formation Coordinator 262-339-0304

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