

Peace United Church of Christ

Rev. Eric Kirkegaard 30 August 2020 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

WORSHIP SERVICE

Greetings - A Time of Centering Hymn #136 "Holy, Holy, Holy, Lord God Almighty"



Being Gathered to God – from Psalm 105

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

all.

Many: And also with you.

One: O give thanks to the LORD, call on his name, make known his

deeds among the peoples.

Many: Sing to him, sing praises to him; tell of all his wonderful

works.

One: Glory in his holy name; let the hearts of those who seek the

LORD rejoice.

Many: Seek the LORD and his strength; seek his presence

continually.

One: Remember the wonderful works he has done, his miracles, and

the judgments he has uttered, O offspring of his servant

Abraham, children of Jacob, his chosen ones.

Many: Then Israel came to Egypt; Jacob lived as an alien in the

land of Ham. And the Lord made his people very fruitful.

One: The Lord made them stronger than their foes, whose hearts he

then turned to hate his people, to deal craftily with his servants.

Many: He sent his servant Moses, and Aaron whom he had

chosen.

All: Praise the Lord!

Confession of Sin and Assurance of Pardon

One: We open ourselves to the wonder of God. Trusting in God's

abundant mercy, we confess our brokenness.

All: Awesome God, you have sought to speak to us in the midst

of our wilderness. We have blundered along unhearing. You

have come to us in the stranger and the friend, in the whispering wind and the waving branches... and yet our

hearts have not been open to perceive you.

God we have sinned against you in thought, word and deed; by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved our neighbors as ourselves, or allowed ourselves to feel the fullness of your love. Forgive us, we pray. Renew us as your servant people. Free us for joyful obedience and humble discernment of your will.

Silence

One: We humbly pray as Jesus taught us:

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: God always hears our prayers. Friends, believe the good news of the gospel!

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

OT Lesson Exodus 3:1-15

⊿ Hymn #587

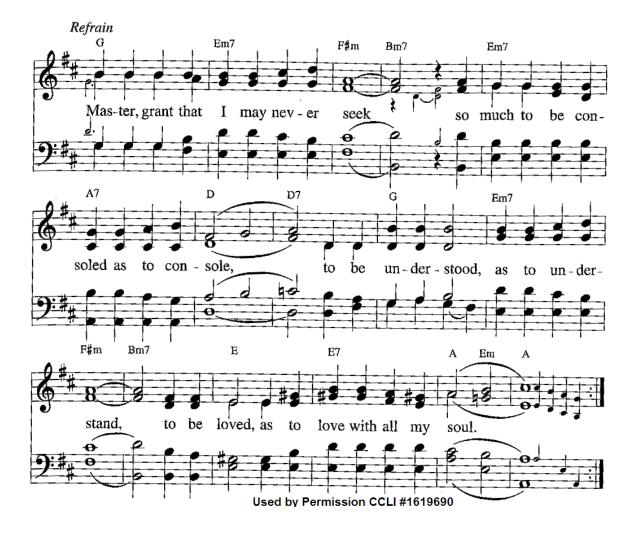
"Make Me a Channel of Your Peace"



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Dedicated to Mrs. Frances Tracy



Gospel

Matthew 16:18-28

Sermon

"How Do We Follow"

Special Music

"Seek Ye First"

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 - Romans 12:9-18

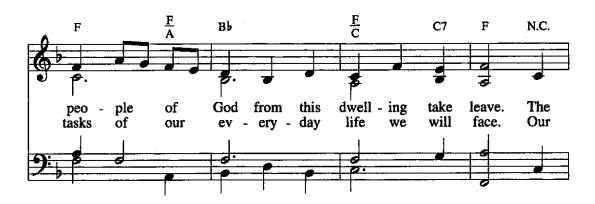
Leader: ... Go in peace, serve the Lord.

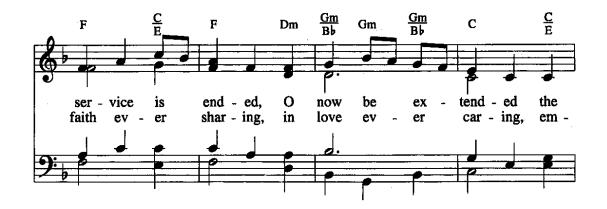
People: Thanks be to God! Alleluia and Amen.

♪ Hymn 712

"Sent Forth by God's Blessing"









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SERVING TODAY

Our Worship Team:

Litanists: Karla Spaits

Sherry McElhatton Elsa Kirkegaard

Musicians:

Sherry McElhatton, Piano, Vocal

Elsa Kirkegaard, Flute

Karla Spaits, Ukulele, Melodica, Vocal

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!

The flowers on the altar are in honor of Della Lehmann's 80th birthday on August 31st. Happy Birthday Della!

<u>Lectionary texts for September 6</u> – Fourteenth Sunday after Pentecost Exodus 12:1-14 and Psalm 149 • Ezekiel 33:7-11 and Psalm 119:33-40 • Romans 13:8-14 • Matthew 18:15-20

CALENDAR – WEEK OF AUGUST 30

Lectionary group at Peace Church - September 1st - 10:00 a.m. Contact the church if you are interested. Each week we will study the scripture for the upcoming Sunday.

Worship in the Park – Sunday, September 6th, September 13th, September 20th, October 4th and October 11th worship will be held at River Hill Park in

Kewaskum. (1150 Parkview Dr.) There will be two services: 8:00 and 9:30 a.m. There will be communion at the September 6th and October 4th services.

Social Distancing Guidelines:

- Please conduct a self-check and stay home if you or a household member have symptoms of COVID-19 (Symptoms can include fever, cough, shortness of breath, chills, headache, muscle pain, sore throat, or loss of taste or smell. Other less common symptoms include gastrointestinal symptoms like nausea, vomiting, or diarrhea).
- If you or a household member are at higher risk for severe illness you are strongly encouraged to stay home.
- Please wear a face covering or mask.
- Please maintain a 6 feet distance from other people even if you are wearing a face covering or mask.
- We ask that you refrain from singing. Singing is a higher-risk activity, as it more forcefully expels respiratory droplets than speaking.
- Please bring your own lawn chairs.
- Please bring your own hand sanitizer.

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.

BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES

Happy	/ Birthday	 August 30 − 3 	September 5
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August 30 Michael Bier

August 31 Jackson Brei, Nora Brei, Della Lehmann (80),

Rosemarie Maeder (85), Jerry O'Connor (85),

Maggie Singer,

September 1 James Manthei, Karen Taylor September 2 Curtis Ammel, Mugs McFadden September 3 Charles Ogi, Amanda Schmeling

September 4 Michael Paul, Clark Pearson (82), Meagan Struck September 5 Brenda Gitter, Janet Kuehn (86), Chase Lindgren

Happy Anniversary - August 30 - September 5

August 30 Dan & Kathy Rundquist (45) August 31 Scott & Sarah Augustin (18) September 1 Greg & Julaine Ogi (42)

September 2 Julia & Christopher Beasley (2),

Heidi & Matthew Leithold (31), Pamela & Vernon Ludwig (25), Greg & Valerie Vorpahl (20)

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 Jim Meinberg

Hanna Bruenn Robert Neumann

Debbie Butzlaff Don Neitzel

Barry Clark Dennis Novotny

John Coulter Mitch Ogi

Marion Doms

Gary Fisher

Carol Gardner

Alexia Polzin

Carol Sedgwick

Betty Skaug

Betty Graff Mark Steinhardt

Marian Herriges Alec Taylor
Les Martin Greg Vorpahl

Marilyn McIntosh Bev Winninghoff

Friends & Family:

Ruth Betts (M. McFadden)

Caelyb (Bocher)

Robin Kann (Atwater)

Valerie Knurr (Kletti)

Jessica (DeLaurier) Bonnie Laufenberg (Lemke)

Ron Geurts (Stern) Mrs. Muckerhide

William Gudex (C. Gudex)

Cindy Hoffman (Grundahl)

Debbie (Hallen)

Babette Rhoads (Rhoads)

Ashlyn Roecker (Becker)

Therese Rohlinger (Roesel)

Larry Haas (Lemke)
Eric Haas (Lemke)
Heidi (C. Manthei)
Sue Heiser (Rodenkirch)
Ron Scheid (Liepert)
Bill Schuster (D. Stangl)
Charlie Straub (J. Becker)
Louise Steuerwald (Bocher)

Jeremy Heiser (Rodenkirch) Ann Thill (Mertz)

Mason Hollbrook (Bocher)

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 Jan (D. Stangl)

Kim Breit Rev. Kathryn O'Connor Kuhn

Jean Cornell (Herriges) (O'Connor and Kuhn) Nephew of Beck Ehmer Sue Mitchell (Rhoads)

Kerri Estep (Atwater) Paige More (Pearson)

Ron Geurts Sharon Rosbeck (Herriges)

Nancy Gruebling (Kletti)

Dennis Liepert (J. Michaels)

Stove Siebensler (J. Manthei)

Paula Hader (Adler) Steve Siebenaler (J. Manthei)

Norm Hughes (K. Hughes) Susan Tolonen (Lindgren)

Sheri Theep (Van Beek) Russell Will (Will)

Those who have entered Hospice for additional care on the journey:

Barbara Wenzlaff, John Waskiewicz, Norm Hughes, Marion Doms

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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"Peace Church exists to feed souls, grow in God's extravagant love and together serve all of God's children and creation."