



# **Peace United Church of Christ**

Rev. Eric Kirkegaard

30 August 2020

Thirteenth Sunday after Pentecost

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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*

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# WORSHIP SERVICE

## Greetings - A Time of Centering

### Hymn #136 "Holy, Holy, Holy, Lord God Almighty"

D Bm A7 D G  $\frac{A}{G}$  G  $\frac{A9}{G}$  D

1 Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! Lord God Al - might - y!  
2 Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! All the saints a - dore thee,  
3 Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! though the dark-ness hide thee,  
4 Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! Lord God Al - might - y!

$\frac{A}{C\#}$  D  $\frac{A}{C\#}$  Bm  $\frac{E7}{B}$   $\frac{A}{C\#}$  D  $\frac{A}{E}$  E7 A A7

Ear - ly in the morn - ing our song shall rise to thee.  
cast - ing down their gold - en crowns a - round the glass - y sea;  
though the eye made blind by sin thy glo - ry may not see,  
All thy works shall praise thy name, in earth, and sky, and sea;

D Bm A7 D G  $\frac{A}{G}$  G  $\frac{A9}{G}$  D

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! Mer - ci - ful and might - y!  
cher - u - bim and ser - a - phim fall - ing down be - fore thee,  
on - ly thou art ho - ly; there is none be - side thee,  
Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! Mer - ci - ful and might - y!

Bm  $\frac{D7}{F\#}$  G D  $\frac{Em}{G}$  A7 D

God in three per - sons, bless - ed Trin - i - ty!  
which wert and art, and ev - er - more shalt be.  
per - fect in power, in love and pu - ri - ty!  
God in three per - sons, bless - ed Trin - i - ty!

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

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 #587

"Make Me a Channel of Your Peace"

D G/D G/A D

1 Make me a chan-nel of your peace. Where there is ha-tred  
 2 Make me a chan-nel of your peace. Where there's de-spair in  
 3 Make me a chan-nel of your peace. It is in par-don-

Bm C Asus A7 Em

let me bring your love. (love.) Where there is in - ju -  
 life let me bring hope. (hope.) Where there is dark - ness,  
 ing that we are par - doned, (par-doned,) in giv - ing of our -

Em7 G/A A Em

ry, your par - don, Lord, and where there's doubt, true  
 on - ly light, and where there's sad - ness,  
 selves that we re - ceive, and in dy - ing that we're

1, 2 A A7 D D7 to Refrain 3 A A7 D

faith in you. O  
 ev - er joy. O  
 born to e - ter - nal life.

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PRAYER OF ST. FRANCIS

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*Refrain*

Mas-ter, grant that I may nev - er seek so much to be con-  
 soled as to con - sole, to be un - der - stood, as to un - der-  
 stand, to be loved, as to love with all my soul.

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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”

*Unison*  
N.C. F C E F Dm Gm Bb C C E

1 Sent forth by God’s bless - ing our true faith con - fess - ing, the  
2 With praise and thanks - giv - ing to God ev - er liv - ing, the

F F A Bb F C C7 F N.C.

peo - ple of our God from this dwell - ing take leave. The  
tasks of our ev - ery - day life we will face. Our

F C E F Dm Gm Bb Gm Gm Bb C C E

ser - vice is end - ed, O now be ex - tend - ed the  
faith ev - er shar - ing, in love ev - er car - ing, em -

F F A Bb F C C7 F

fruits of our wor - ship in all who be - lieve. The  
brac - ing God’s chil - dren of each tribe and race. With

WORDS: Omer Westendorf (1916-1998)  
MUSIC: Welsh folk tune; harm. Leland Sateren (1913-)

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ASH GROVE  
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seed of the teach - ing, re - cep - tive souls reach - ing, shall  
your grace you feed us, with your light now lead us: u -

blos - som in ac - tion for God and for all. God's  
nite us as one in this life that we share. Then

grace did in - vite us, and love shall u - nite us to give  
may all the liv - ing with praise and thanks - giv - ing give

work for God's king - dom and an - swer the call.  
hon - or to Christ and that name which we bear.

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Postlude

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## *SERVING TODAY*

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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 80<sup>th</sup> birthday on August 31<sup>st</sup>. Happy Birthday Della!

**Lectionary texts for September 6** – 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

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## *CALENDAR – WEEK OF AUGUST 30*

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**Lectionary group at Peace Church** - September 1<sup>st</sup> - 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 6<sup>th</sup>, September 13<sup>th</sup>, September 20<sup>th</sup>, October 4<sup>th</sup> and October 11<sup>th</sup> 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 6<sup>th</sup> and October 4<sup>th</sup> 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 [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.

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## ***BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES***

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### **Happy Birthday**

### **August 30 – September 5**

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)

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## *PRAYER LIST*

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**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  
Hanna Bruenn  
Debbie Butzlaff  
Barry Clark  
John Coulter  
Marion Doms  
Gary Fisher  
Carol Gardner  
Betty Graff  
Marian Herriges  
Les Martin  
Marilyn McIntosh

Jim Meinberg  
Robert Neumann  
Don Neitzel  
Dennis Novotny  
Mitch Ogi  
Alexia Polzin  
Carol Sedgwick  
Betty Skaug  
Mark Steinhardt  
Alec Taylor  
Greg Vorpahl  
Bev Winninghoff

**Friends & Family:**

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

Robin Kann (Atwater)  
Valerie Knurr (Kletti)  
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, 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 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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## PEACE CHURCH CONTACT INFORMATION

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Pastor Bob Blackburn, Visitation Minister 920-279-0816

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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.”*