



**Peace United Church of Christ**  
Rev. Eric Kirkegaard  
August 6, 2023  
Tenth Sunday after Pentecost

*Our mission:* Love like Jesus...

Welcome all, love all, grow in faith together, and seek justice for all.

*“Just as I have loved you, you should love each other.” – John 13:34*

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

*Our vision:* “Peace Church exists to feed souls, grow in God’s extravagant love and together serve all of God’s children and creation.”

***Welcome visitors!*** Please take a moment to complete a Guest Information card in the pew racks in front of you. Please place the completed card in the offering plate.

***Prayer Requests*** - As we gather together as one family in Jesus Christ, we covenant to hold one another’s joys and concerns. Please share your prayers with us by writing them on the “Prayer Request” slip found in the pew in front of you and return them to the usher or place them in the offering plate. Thank you.

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## **WORSHIP SERVICE**

**PRELUDE**

“Blessings”

by Story

**GREETINGS - A TIME OF CENTERING**

**HYMN**

“No Matter”

**BEING GATHERED IN THE PRESENCE OF GOD-**

Psalm 145:8-9, 14-21

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

**Many: And also with you.**

One: The LORD is gracious and compassionate, slow to anger and rich in love.

**Many: The LORD is good to all; he has compassion on all he has made.**

One: All you have made will praise you, O LORD; your saints will extol you.

**Many: The LORD upholds all those who fall and lifts up all who are bowed down. The eyes of all look to you, and you give them their food at the proper time.**

One: You open your hand and satisfy the desires of every living thing. The LORD is righteous in all his ways and loving toward all he has made.

**Many: The LORD is near to all who call on him, to all who call on him in truth. He fulfills the desires of those who fear him; he hears their cry and saves them.**

One: The LORD watches over all who love him, but all the wicked he will destroy.

**ALL: MY MOUTH WILL SPEAK IN PRAISE OF THE LORD. LET EVERY CREATURE PRAISE GOD'S HOLY NAME FOR EVER AND EVER. PRAISE THE LORD!**

**INVOCATION AND OUR LORD'S PRAYER**

God of glory beyond imaginings, fill us today with visions of your wonder. Shine your light upon us,

and around, and within us. Invite us just as we are, O God, to step out onto the yearnings of our souls. Teach us to trust in your ways as we pray:

*“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.”*

## **CONFESSING AND RECEIVING FORGIVENESS**

**Merciful God, here amidst new surroundings we are reminded of how often we overlook you. The myriad demands of our lives distract us from offering you our thankfulness. We forget to appreciate your wonder in all of the sights, and sounds, and smells, of creation. We fall short of seeing your holiness in every person and creature that we meet. We blind ourselves with our visions of how the world should be, instead of trusting in your vision.**

**Discerning Spirit, we confess that we are a broken people enslaved to sin. We fail to love you with all that we are. We limit the love that we offer to our neighbors near and far. We stumble in our efforts to truly accept how completely you claim each of us as your beloved children.**

**Beloved Savior, for what we have done and for what we have failed to do, we seek your forgiveness.**

*A time of silent reflection*

Lord, in your mercy,

**Hear our prayers. Amen**

Our God is good; His love and mercy are without bounds. Open your hearts and receive the good news, God has walked with us, suffered with us, died for us, and risen to offer new life to each of us.

We are forgiven that our lives may freely embrace the relationship which God offers us.

**Praise God!**

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**

## **VBS CHILDREN SINGING**

The Children’s Time – As the children come forward, please sing Hymn 437 “Jesus Loves Me” vs. 1

**HYMN 689** “One Bread, One Body”

## **THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION**

### **PRAYER OF CONSECRATION**

#737 Santo, Santo, Santo

*Holy, holy, holy, my heart, my heart adores you.*

*My heart is glad to say the words:*

*you are Holy, Lord!*

*Santo, santo, santo, mi corazon te adora.*

*Mi corazon te sabe decir: santo eres Senor.*

## **PREPARATION OF THE TABLE**

### **PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING (IN UNISON)**

**O God, in this simple meal you come to us again. You share yourself and your sustaining Spirit with our hungering souls. In the broken bread and the shared cup, the good news is proclaimed. Christ was born, Christ has died, Christ has risen, Christ will come again. Amen**

**HYMN 427** “You Are My All in All”

**GOSPEL** Matthew 14:1-21 (Page 748)

## **SERMON**

**SPECIAL MUSIC** “The River” J. Feliz

## **THE DOXOLOGY**

**Praise God from whom all blessings flow,  
Praise God, all creatures here below:**

**Praise God for all that love has done:  
Creator, Christ, and Spirit, One.**

## **PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

**Gracious Christ, we open our lives to Your spirit. We offer ourselves, our labors, our love, all that we are, to You and to Your world. Take our hands as you receive our gifts and grant us new life as your servants. Amen**

## **PASTORAL PRAYER**

## **BENEDICTION**

**One: Go in peace, serve the Lord.**

**All: Thanks be to God! Alleluia and Amen.**

## **HYMN**

**“Go, Make Disciples”**

**Go, make disciples, baptizing them, teaching them.**

**Go, make disciples, for I am with you ‘til the end of time.**

**Go, be the salt of the earth. Go, be the light of the world.**

**Go, be a city on a hill so all can see that you’re serving me. Go, make disciples.**

## **POSTLUDE**

**Serving Today:** Musicians: Sherry McElhatton, Karla Spaits, Ellie Baldus, Elsa Kirkegaard, Mia Dornacker, Lia Piittmann, Eric Walker, Roger Mertz; Video: David Dorn

**Today’s Altar Flowers** are from Gary & Joyce Terlinden

**Lectionary for August 13** - Genesis 37:1-4, 12-28 and Psalm 105: 1-6, 16-22, 45b • 1 Kings 19:9-18 and Psalm 85:8-13 • Romans 10:5-15 • Matthew 14:22-33

# NEWS & NOTES

## **Happy Birthday Aug 6 – Aug 12**

Aug 7 Brianna Augustin, Pat Schnepf

Aug 8 LeRoy Butzlaff

## **Happy Anniversary – Aug 6 – Aug 12**

Aug 9 Barry & Bonnie Clark (43)

Aug 10 Darrel & Judy Nonhof (66)

## **Calendar for the Week of August 6, 2023**

8/8 Youth Breakfast, Lectionary 10 am, Council 6 pm

8/9 XYZ Cards, Sacred Space Worship 7pm

8/10 Youth Breakfast, Grief Group 1 pm

8/12 – 8-18 Canoe Trip

8/20 Sunday Service - Rev. Greg Whelton

**Happy 90<sup>th</sup> Birthday to Betty Graff!** Betty Graff, who moved to Arizona two years ago, is turning 90 on August 15<sup>th</sup>. If you would like to wish Betty a happy birthday, please send her a card to: 30 W. Lambert Lane #114, Oro Valley, AZ 85737.

**EcuMen Summer Tour** – On August 13th, the EcuMen will be visiting Peace Church. Come early to the 9:00 a.m. service to hear them perform a couple of songs starting at approx. 8:50 a.m.

**Thank you** to everyone at Peace Church that made meals or cookies for our Habitat Team. It was very much appreciated and so delicious! We'd also like to thank those who have helped our mission by providing prayers, monetary support and all others to help make our Habitat trip happen.

**Midweek worship!** Sacred Space for August 9<sup>th</sup> will be held at Mary Glenn's home at 8990 Forest View Road, Kewaskum at 7:00 p.m. Please park on the street unless you have walking challenges, then park by the house. Bring your own lawn chairs. Services are less formal, more interactive, some different music. Come and be a

part of experiencing/imagining how we create a new worship experience at Peace UCC.



### **Peace Church Brat Fry at Piggly Wiggly** –

Peace Church will be hosting a brat fry at the Kewaskum Piggly Wiggly on Saturday, August 26th. Brats, hamburgers, and hot dogs will be served from 10 a.m. – 2 p.m. **We need volunteers to help with this event. Start-up time is 9:00 a.m. and clean-up should be done by 3:00 p.m.** We have divided volunteer time into two shifts - 9 a.m. - noon and noon - 3 p.m. Proceeds will go to the Canoe Trip expenses. Sign up by calling the church office at 262-626-4011.

**Online Giving Made Easy** – if you would like to donate to Peace Church, you can do so just by using the QR Code below. Using your smartphone camera, select the rear facing camera. Hold your device so that the QR code appears in the viewfinder in the Camera app. Your device recognizes the QR code and shows a notification. Tap the notification to open the link to Peace Church Giving.



## **PRAYERS FOR THE WEEK**

*Current prayers will be listed for one week unless otherwise indicated. Requests may be emailed to [office@peace-ucc.org](mailto:office@peace-ucc.org) or by calling the office at 262-626-4011. You may also share your prayer requests by writing them on the "Prayer Request" slip found in the pew in front of you and return them to the usher or place them in the offering plate.*

### **Prayers for Comfort**

To Clark Pearson and the family of Gary Pearson, brother to Clark, who passed away unexpectedly last week at the age of 65.



## No Matter

$\text{♩} = 120$

F Dm Gm<sup>7</sup> C F F<sup>7</sup>

No mat-ter who, — no mat-ter what — no mat-ter where you are on the

B<sup>b</sup> G<sup>7</sup> F Dm G<sup>7</sup> Gm<sup>7</sup> C<sup>7</sup>

jour-ney of life; you're wel- come, wel- come in this place. — No mat-ter

F Dm Gm<sup>7</sup> C F F<sup>7</sup>

who, — no mat-ter what, — no mat-ter where you are on the

B<sup>b</sup> G<sup>7</sup> F Dm Gm<sup>7</sup> C<sup>7</sup> C F F

jour-ney of life: ac - cept - ed, wel - comed by God's grace. grace.

To verses Last time, Fine

## Verses

F B<sup>b</sup>add<sup>9</sup> B<sup>b</sup>madd<sup>9</sup>

1. For we are fam - i - ly, — meant to be —  
 2. And in di - ver - si - ty, — u - ni - ty, —  
 3. To - geth - er we will sing, — wor - ship bring,  
 4. The God who spoke through Christ, speaks to us; —

F F<sup>9</sup> F<sup>7</sup> B<sup>b</sup>add<sup>9</sup>

pur - posed for e - ter - ni - ty. — Born in love, —  
 har - mo - ny for all to see: — Just - ice and —  
 hands and hearts out - stretched to all. — Je - sus praise,  
 lis - ten to our Sav - ior's call. — Wel - come home,

B<sup>b</sup>madd<sup>9</sup> G<sup>9</sup> G<sup>7</sup> Gm<sup>7</sup>/C C<sup>7</sup> D.C.

from a - bove, — God's com - mu - ni - ty. —  
 e - qui - ty, — God's com - mu - ni - ty. —  
 hearts a - blaze, lis - ten to God's call.  
 wel - come in, — wel - come one and all. —

## One Bread, One Body

*Refrain (Unison)*

$\frac{C}{D}$  G  $\frac{C}{G}$  G  $\frac{C}{G}$  G D Em Bsus B

One bread, one bod-y, one Lord of all,

Em D G Em  $\frac{A7}{C\#}$  A D  $\frac{C}{D}$

one cup of bless - ing which we bless. And

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G C/G G C/G G D Em Bsus B

we, though man-y through-out the earth,

Em D G Em A7/C# D7 G C (B/C) G D/F#

we are one bod - y in this one Lord.

Em D Em D

1 Gen - tile or Jew, ser - vant or free,  
 2 Man - y the gifts, man - y the works,  
 3 Grain for the fields, scat - tered and grown,

Em F Am D D7 C/D

*to Refrain*

wom-an or man, no more.  
 one in the Lord of all. One  
 gath-ered to one, for all.