



Peace United Church of Christ

Rev. Eric Kirkegaard

8 August 2021

Eleventh 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."*

WORSHIP SERVICE

Prelude Spirit of God, Descend Upon My Heart arr. J. Van Der Pol

Greetings – Announcements – Prayer Requests

↑ 🎵 Hymn #451

“Be Still, My Soul”

Gathering Our Hearts Before God

One: We will bless the Lord at all times.

Many: God’s praise shall continually be in our mouths.

One: Our souls make their boast in the Lord.

Many: Let us magnify the Lord together;

One: Let us exalt God’s name and worship God.

Confession of Sin and Assurance of Pardon

One: Please join me in our confession of sin and words of assurance:

All: Your saving love is so much a part of our lives that we take it for granted O God. We know that you call us to live in imitation of that love, but we confess to you that we are often sidetracked in different directions. It is easier to focus on ourselves than have compassion for our neighbors. It is tempting to cling to our certainties rather than open ourselves to the breadth and length and height and depth of your grace. You invite us to speak truth to our neighbors, but we substitute our small truths for your truth that transcends our understanding. Forgive us, we pray, for all the ways that we fail to live in your ways; for what we do and for what we fail to do... Have mercy on us, Amen.

One: Through Christ our sins are forgiven so that we may be in right relationship with God, ourselves, and all of creation.

All: Amen

↑ 🎵 Halleluja

“Hal-le, hal-le, hal-le, lu-ja”

The Passing of the Peace

Peace be with you,
And also with you.

Epistle [Ephesians 4:25-5:2](#) (right click for link)

The Children's Time Race Against Time

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

↑ ♪ **Hymn #21 "This is My Father's World"**

O. T. Lesson [2 Samuel 18:5-9, 14-16, 31-33](#) (right click for link)

Gospel [John 6:35, 41-51](#) (right click for link)

Sermon "Powerful Love"

Special Music "Come, Ye Faithful, Raise the Strain arr. Lani Smith

Prayer of Dedication

We are so grateful to you Lord, for all that you have given us: this wonderful earth, the love of family and friends, the joys of living in community. Bless these gifts that they might strengthen our witness to all. 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

One: Go in peace, serve the Lord.

Many: Thanks be to God! Alleluia and Amen.

Announcements

PLEASE hum or sing Hymn #473 “What a Friend We Have in Jesus”

Lectionary for Sunday, August 18th, 8 a.m. and 9:30 a.m. at Peace Church:

Twelfth Sunday after Pentecost: 2 Samuel 7:1-14a and Psalm 89:20-37 •
Jeremiah 23:1-6 and Psalm 23 • Ephesians 2:11-22 • Mark 6:30-34, 53-56

SERVING TODAY

Our Worship Team:

Musicians: Sherry McElhatton
Jackie McCurdy

Litanist: Jerry O'Connor

Sexton: Roger Lindgren

Video: Jake Lemke

Coffee Hour: Sandi Radeztsky

Ministers: ALL OF US!

NEWS AND NOTES

Summer Sunday School – Join Alexia Polzin each week, as you travel through familiar Bible stories, learning how they relate to ICE CREAM! Youth, age 4K - 3rd grade are invited to attend. “Taste and see that the Lord is good!” Psalm 34:8
Next week: Jesus is #1 in my life.

Lectionary group at Peace Church – NO lectionary gatherings ‘till August 17th.
Each week we gather together to study the scripture for the upcoming Sunday.

Altar Flowers – Peace Church has resumed taking altar flower orders. If you would like to honor a person or special event by purchasing the altar flowers for a particular Sunday, please send a check for \$20.00 to Peace Church along with the date and reason (e.g.: in memory of Jane Doe or in honor of John and Jane Doe 30th anniversary).

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 County Covid cases **we find ourselves going back to 50% of capacity! (100 worshippers in the sanctuary, the worship leaders are in addition to that number).** While this won't likely impact us during the summer, it is a reminder for us all to do our part and consider how we not only keep ourselves safe, but also our neighbors and especially the most vulnerable among us.

CDC guidance on masks removes all restrictions for those who are vaccinated.

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.

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.

BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES

Happy Birthday August 8 – August 14

Aug 8 LeRoy Butzlaff
Aug 13 Jacob Manogue, Steven Spoerl
Aug 14 Patrick Bobb, William Grahl, Coralee Kivell
Aug 15 Betty Graff (88)

Happy Anniversary August 8 – August 14

Aug 9 Barry & Bonnie Clark (41)
Aug 10 Darrel & Judy Nonhof (64)
Aug 11 Brandon & Lori Zolp (3)
Aug 13 Eric & Tricia Walker (16)

VOLUNTEER CORNER

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
- PIGNIC – August 1st
- 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. The group meets Tuesday mornings at 10:00 a.m. in Fellowship Hall.



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

Peace Needs YOU! We are looking for volunteers to **USHER** during 8:00 and 9:30 services. Peace is also looking for members to serve on the Consistory in **Deacon** and **Trustee** positions. Contact the church office if you are interested in any of these roles.

Habitat for Humanity – Peace Church Habitat for Humanity group will be working at a site in West Bend from August 16th - August 20th. Time: 9:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m. More Info/Sign Up in Fellowship Hall. If you are interested contact the church office at 626-262-4011 or office@peace-ucc.org

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
Nancy Brodzeller
Hanna Bruenn
Fran Charland
Judy Christensen
Markus Frank
Betty Graff
John Herbst
Jim Meinberg

Joyce Meinberg
Marilyn McIntosh
Dennis Novotny
Chris Rode
Kathy Rundquist
Michael Schmidt
Greg Vorpahl
Bev Winninghoff
Connie Zemlicka

Friends & Family:

Ezekiel
Lorrie (H. Bruenn)
Joanne (Mertz)
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

Friends & Family:

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

Kathy Jarolimek (Henk)
Kathy (S. Augustin family)
Zannah & Kendra (Lindgren)
Sheri Theep (Van Beek)
Sue Mitchell (Rhoads)
Dennis Liepert (J. Michaels)
Sandra Senn (P. Behring)
Kevin White (L. Swanson)

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 Stolarski (Marine Corp. – Knoth grandson)

Ryan Wunsch (Army National Guard – McElhatton son-in-law)

Samuel Zemlicka-Retzlaff (Air Force)

Thank you to 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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Pastor Bob Blackburn, Visitation Minister 920-279-0816

Gayle Van Ess, Faith Formation Coordinator 262-339-0304 faithformation@peace-ucc.org

Peace Church Prayer Chain - prayers@peace-ucc.org

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SUNDAY

August 15, 2021

8:00 & 9:30 a.m. Worship

Ice Cream Sundaes served during Coffee
Hour after services

Invite young and old... friends, neighbors,
family, co-workers...

No matter who you are, or where you are on life's journey,
you're WELCOME here!