



Peace United Church of Christ

Rev. Eric Kirkegaard

13 September 2020

Fifteenth 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

Prelude: "Beyond A Dream" arr. Lorie Line

Greetings - A Time of Centering

Hymn "Here I Am To Worship!" by Tim Hughes

Light of the world You stepped down into darkness
Opened my eyes, let me see
Beauty that made this heart adore You
Hope of a life spent with You

So here I am to worship
Here I am to bow down
Here I am to say
That You're my God
You're all together lovely
All together worthy
All together wonderful to me

King of all days oh so highly exalted
Glorious in heaven above
Humbly You came to the earth You created
All for love's sake became poor

And I'll never know
How much it cost
To see my sin
Upon that cross

Opening Sentences (*from the UCC resource "God Leads Us into Life"*)

Come if you have a weak faith.

Come if you are convinced in the strength of your convictions.

Come so that you might be strengthened and challenged.

LEAD US INTO LIFE, O GOD!

Come if you are chased by the demands of others.

Come if you feel threatened by a loss of security.

Come so that you might be strengthened and challenged.

LEAD US INTO LIFE, O GOD!

Come if you need forgiveness.

Come if you need strength to forgive others.

Come so that you might be strengthened and challenged.

LEAD US INTO LIFE, O GOD!

The Prayer of Confession (*adapted from "God Leads Us into Life"*)

Jesus challenges us to seek forgiveness for ourselves and to forgive those who have sinned against us.

Let us pray.

Holy God, when we seek security only in power, whether military or power over others, and not in knowledge of your presence; when we become concerned with our well-being only and so fail to see the consequences of our choices upon the lives of others:

Forgive our narrow worldview; open our eyes to see others as persons with whom we are connected in the web of life.

When we rejoice in the downfall and defeat of our enemies:

Forgive our misplaced loyalties; open our hearts to see our enemies as our sisters and brothers in your family.

When we fail to forgive others, and allow ourselves to be caught in the mire of grudges held:

Forgive our rancor; open us to reconciliation.

When we are faced with a sea of trouble, whether of our own making or cast upon us by the action of others:

God of Life, part the waters of regret and rage and lead us onto the dry ground of forgiveness.

(Time for personal reflection and confession.)

Assurance of Pardon

God is compassionate and does not deal with us according to our sins, but casts them as far away from us as the east is from the west.

Turned from the mistakes of the past, we can begin again.

Thanks be to 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

OT Lesson

Exodus 14:19-31

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 #596 "Help Us Accept Each Other"

Unison
G A7 Cdim Am7(b5) Gmaj7 G6 A7

1 Help us ac - cept each oth - er as Christ ac - cept - ed us;
2 Teach us, O Lord, your les - sons, as in our dai - ly life
3 Let your ac - cept - ance change us, so that we may be moved
4 Lord, for to - day's en - coun - ters with all who are in need,

Bm Em Emsus2 Em Cmaj7 Bm7 Am7 D7sus2 D7

teach us sis - ter, broth - er, each per - son to em - brace.
we strug - gle to be hu - man and search for hope and faith.
in liv - ing sit - u - a - tions to do the truth in love;
who hun - ger for ac - cep - tance, for right - eous - ness and bread,

Bm7 Emsus2 Em Em(#7) Em7 Am9 Bm7 C D C#dim7

Be pres - ent, Lord, a - mong us and bring us to be - lieve
Teach us to care for peo - ple, for all, not just for some,
to prac - tice your ac - cept - ance un - til we know by heart
we need new eyes for see - ing, new hands for hold - ing on:

G C#dim7 Am7 Bm Am C G
D D D D D D

we are our - selves ac - cept - ed, and meant to love and live.
to love them as we find them, or as they may be - come.
the ta - ble of for - give - ness, and laugh - ter's heal - ing art.
re - new us with your Spir - it; Lord, free us, make us one!

WORDS: Fred Kaan (1929-)
MUSIC: John Ness Beck (1930-1986)

Words © 1975 Hope Publishing Company
Music © 1977 Hope Publishing Company

Used by Permission CCLI #1619690
BECK
7.6.7.6.D.

Gospel Lesson

Matthew 18:21-35

Epistle

Romans 14:1-12

Sermon

“Forgiveness, Judgement, and Dis-ease”

Special Music

“Gabriel’s Oboe”

by Morricone

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 your creation. Amen.

Pastoral Prayer – Silent 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 – “Christ Has No Body” – Teresa of Avila (15thc. Carmelite Mystic)

One: Go forth, strengthened to do the work of Christ, sharing peace with justice, offering forgiveness, building community, and inviting others to embark upon the journey into abundant life for all.

Know that the God who created you,
the Christ who redeems you
and the Spirit who empowers you
will be with you this day and ever more. Amen.

Go in peace, serve the Lord.

Many: Thanks be to God! Alleluia and Amen.

Db
 $\frac{Db}{F}$ Ab Db
Gb
 $\frac{Gb}{Db}$ Db

1 God be with you till we meet a-gain, by his coun-sels guide, up - hold you,
 2 God be with you till we meet a-gain, 'neath his wings pro-lect - ing hide you,
 3 God be with you till we meet a-gain; if life's per - ils should con-found you,

Ab
Ab7
Db
 $\frac{Gb}{Db}$ Db
 $\frac{Db}{F}$ Ebm7 Db
Ab7 Db

with his sheep se-cure - ly fold you; God be with you till we meet a-gain.
 dai - ly man-na still pro-vide you; God be with you till we meet a-gain.
 God will put his arms a-round you; God be with you till we meet a-gain.

WORDS: Jeremiah E. Rankin (1828-1904)
 MUSIC: William G. Tomer (1833-1896)

Used by Permission CCLI #1619690 GOD BE WITH YOU
 9.8.9.8.

SERVING TODAY

Our Worship Team:

Litanist:

Bill Stangl

Musicians:

Karla Spaits

Sherry McElhatton

Elsa Kirkegaard

Eric Walker

Camera:

Kandy Lindgren

Ministers: ALL OF YOU!

Lectionary texts for September 20 – Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost
Exodus 16:2-15 and Psalm 105:1-6, 37-45 • Jonah 3:10-4:11 and Psalm
145:1-8 • Philippians 1:21-30 • Matthew 20:1-16

CALENDAR – WEEK OF SEPTEMBER 13

Lectionary group at Peace Church - September 15th - 10:00 a.m. Contact the church if you are interested. Each week we will study the scripture for the upcoming Sunday.

9TH Grade Confirmation – 9th Grade Confirmation classes will begin on Wednesday, September 16th from 4:00 – 5:15 p.m. in Fellowship Hall. COVID guidelines will be practiced – so please wear your mask!

Worship in the Park – Sunday, 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 October 4th service.

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 over your mouth and nose.
- 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.

BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES

Happy Birthday

September 13

September 14

September 16

September 17

September 18

September 13 – September 19

Nina Evans (9), Parker Koch (8), Katie Pendowski

Knox Gitter (2), Kaylee Wiskirchen

Tracy Boettcher, Barbara Busch, Loran Butzlaff (81)

Erik Rundquist

Kandy Lindgren, Ellie O'Brien-Flasch (6),

Cheryl Peterson, Kelly Rosenthal, Corrie Strutz

Happy Anniversary - September 13 – September 19

September 13

Marilyn & David McIntosh (62)

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

Debbie Butzlaff

Barry Clark

John Coulter

Marion Doms

Carol Gardner

Betty Graff

Marian Herriges

Nancy Laguna

Les Martin

Marilyn McIntosh

Jim Meinberg

Robert Neumann

Don Neitzel

Dennis Novotny

Donna Ogi

Mitch Ogi

Nancy Panzer

Chris Rode

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)

Arnold Gudex (C. Gudex)
Norbert 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.

PEACE CHURCH CONTACT INFORMATION

Contact Us At: P. O. Box 433, Kewaskum, WI 53040

Church Office – Robin Mock 262-626-4011 - office@peace-ucc.org

Pastor Eric cell: 262-707-0758 - pastor@peace-ucc.org

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

On the web @ www.peace-ucc.org

Find Peace on [Facebook](#)



On YouTube at: [Peace UCC Kewaskum](#)