



Peace United Church of Christ

Rev. Eric Kirkegaard

24 September 2023

Seventeenth 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

“Walking with You”

Lorie Line

Greetings - A Time of Centering

Hymn 552

“We Are One in Mission”

Being Gathered to God – Psalm 145:1-10

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

All: And also with you.

One: We lift our hearts and voices with the Psalmist:
I will exalt you, my God the King; I will praise your name for ever and ever.

All: Every day I will praise you and extol your name for ever and ever. Great is the Lord and most worthy of praise; his greatness no one can fathom.

One: One generation commends your works to another; they tell of your mighty acts. They speak of the glorious splendor of your majesty— and I will meditate on your wonderful works.

All: They tell of the power of your awesome works— and I will proclaim your great deeds. They celebrate your abundant goodness and joyfully sing of your righteousness.

One: The Lord is gracious and compassionate, slow to anger and rich in love. The Lord is good to all; he has compassion on all he has made.

All: All your works praise you, Lord; your faithful people extol you.

Confession of Sin and Assurance of Pardon

One: God promises to steadily journey with us. With the promise of his presence and his grace before us, we are emboldened to face our brokenness and confess our sin:

All: Gentle and holy God, we acknowledge to you, to one another, and to ourselves that we are not always what you ask us to be. We stifle our gifts

and waste our time instead of boldly serving your ways instead of our own. We too easily avoid opportunities to offer kindness, while easily being too quick to take offense. We pretend that we have not heard your steady call to each of us to contribute to peace through justice, not just for some, but for all in our world. Have mercy on us, forgive us our sins, and help us to be bold enough to live our lives differently, we pray in the name of Jesus Christ, who taught us to trust in you and envision a different way:

“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.”

Listen to the words of the scriptures: the mercy and the love of God are endless; God's wrath is slow, and God's love is eternal. Glory 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

Gospel Matthew 20:1-16 (page 753)

The Children’s Time – let the child in each of us join in singing Hymn 437 “Jesus Loves Me” vs. 1

Hymn 458 “O Jesus, I have Promised”

Epistle Philippians 1:21–30 (page 894)

Lesson Jonah 3:10-4:11 (page 708)

Sermon

Special Music “We Are an Offering” Dwight Liles

Prayer of Dedication

God of abundant love, with thanksgiving we return a portion of our gifts to you. God, we offer ourselves, our labors, our love, all that we are, to you and to your world. Bless our offerings and guide us in your service. Amen

Pastoral Prayer – Silent Prayer

Benediction

One: Go in peace, serve the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God! Alleluia and Amen.

Hymn 748 “Lord, Dismiss Us with Your Blessing”

Postlude

Serving Today: Musicians: Sherry McElhatton, Mia Dornacker, Lia Piittmann; Video: Katelyn Scannell

Today’s Altar Flowers from Karen & John Grundahl. The flowers beside the altar are in memory of Herman Panzer on Nancy & Herman’s 68th wedding anniversary.

Lectionary for October 1 - Exodus 17:1-7 and Psalm 78:1-4, 12-16 • Ezekiel 18:1-4, 25-32 and Psalm 25:1-9
• Philippians 2:1-13 • Matthew 21:23-32



NEWS & NOTES



Happy Birthday Sept 24- 30

Sept 24 Rozanne Butzlaff

Sept 27 JoAnn Butzlaff, Jake Lemke

Sept 28 James Herther, John Lemke Jr., Bret Rauch

Sept 29 Cal Rauch

Sept 30 Jean Reigle

Happy Anniversary Sept 24- 30

Sept 29 Nicholas & Brittany Luther (11)

Calendar for the Week of September 24

9/26 Lectionary 10 am

9/27 XYZ Cards

9/28 Grief Group 1:30 pm

Scholarship Fund Cookie Sale today during Fellowship. All proceeds go towards Peace Church College Scholarships. Last year Peace Church awarded scholarships to ten students.

Keys Run/Walk will take place on Sunday, October 8th. Please be aware of the runners and walkers who will be on the street in front of the church starting at 11:00 a.m. that morning.

Prayers for Healing:

Continued prayers for strength and healing for Jill Rhodes.

Continued prayers for strength and healing for Diane Stangl.



Peace UCC
Community Meal

Chili and the Fixin's, Chicken Noodle Soup,
Cornbread, Beverage & Dessert

Wednesday, October 4, 2023
4:30- 6:00p.m.

FREE TO ALL!