



Peace United Church of Christ

Rev. Eric Kirkegaard

27 September 2020

Seventeenth 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

Greetings - A Time of Centering

Gathering Prayer – from the UCC Worship Ways

God, the encourager, God, the compassionate,
God, the merciful, holy, blessed:

Disturb us. Rouse us from our sleep.

Lift us into consciousness of your presence.

Change us, move us, mold us for the better;

So that, at the sound of your voice

At the call of our name

We will never be the same.

May this worship do this and so much more, in the name of Jesus.

Amen.

Hymn 501 "Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah"

G C $\frac{G}{B}$ $\frac{G}{A}$ G $\frac{D}{A}$ $\frac{G}{B}$ C $\frac{G}{D}$ D G $\frac{C}{E}$ C Am7 $\frac{G}{D}$ D7 G

1 Guide me, O thou great Je - ho - vah, pil - grim through this bar - ren land;
 2 O - pen now the crys - tal foun - tain, whence the heal - ing stream doth flow;
 3 When I tread the verge of Jor - dan, bid my anx - ious fears sub - side;

G C $\frac{G}{B}$ $\frac{G}{A}$ G $\frac{D}{A}$ $\frac{G}{B}$ C $\frac{G}{D}$ D G $\frac{C}{E}$ $\frac{G}{B}$ C $\frac{G}{D}$ D G

I am weak, but thou art might - y—hold me with thy power - ful hand:
 let the fire and cloud - y pil - lar lead me all my jour - ney through:
 bear me through the swell - ing cur - rent, land me safe on Ca - naan's side:

D7 $\frac{G}{D}$ D7 $\frac{D}{F\#}$ G D7 G $\frac{G}{B}$ $\frac{D7}{A}$ G $\frac{D}{F\#}$ Em7

Bread of heav - en, Bread of heav - en, feed me till I want no
 Strong De - liv - erer, strong De - liv - erer, be thou still my strength and
 Songs of prais - es, songs of prais - es I will ev - er give to

D $\frac{D7}{C}$ $\frac{G}{B}$ $\frac{D7}{A}$ G C $\frac{G}{D}$ D7 G

more, (want no more,) feed me till I want no more.
 shield, (strength and shield,) be thou still my strength and shield.
 thee, (give to thee,) I will ev - er give to thee.

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 MUSIC: John Hughes (1873-1932)
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Call to Worship

One: Watch and listen for the wonders of our God.

All: Our God is among us.

One: Watch and listen for the goodness of our God.

All: Our God moves among us.

One: Watch and listen, for God is here.

All: Our God dwells among us.

Confession

Called to follow Christ, we are called to a life of humility.

But what does that even mean?

Do we seek to exalt ourselves – to be lifted above others?

Does our sense of success depend on someone else's failure?

Does our love of God entirely guide our relationships?

Do we twist service into convenience and self-satisfaction, ignoring the idea that to serve is to be a servant?

We confess that it is too easy to be distracted from God's ways in our thoughts, words, and deeds; by what we do and by what we leave undone. We pray for God's forgiveness, guidance, and strength.

Silence

Assurance of Pardon

One: Good friends:
God is at work in you!
God is alive in us!

God lives – but sin is dead

And our sins are forgiven,
Through Christ, our Savior.

All: Alleluia! Amen.

♪ 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 17:1-7

The Children’s Time – let the child in each of us join in singing

♪ Hymn #437 “Jesus Loves Me, This I Know” vs. 1



“Shout to the North”

Men of faith, rise up and sing of the great and glorious King.
You are strong when you feel weak, in your brokenness complete.

Shout to the north and the south;
sing to the east and the west.
Jesus is Savior to all,
Lord of heaven and earth.

Rise up, women of the truth, stand and sing to broken hearts
who can know the healing pow'r of our awesome King of love.

Shout to the north and the south;
sing to the east and the west.
Jesus is Savior to all,
Lord of heaven and earth.

We've been through fire, we've been through rain;
we've been refined by the pow'r of His name.
We've fallen deeper in love with You.
You've burned the truth on our lips.

Shout to the north and the south;
sing to the east and the west.
Jesus is Savior to all,
Lord of heaven and earth.

Rise up, church with broken wings, fill this place with songs again
of our God who reigns on high. By His grace again we'll fly.

Shout to the north and the south;
sing to the east and the west.
Jesus is Savior to all,
Lord of heaven and earth.

Lord of heaven and earth,
Lord of heaven and earth,
Lord of heaven and earth.

Gospel

Matthew 21:23-32

Epistle Lesson

Philippians 2:1-13

Sermon

“What Does Faithfulness Look Like?”

Special Music

“I’ll Fly Away”

arr by Lorie Line

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

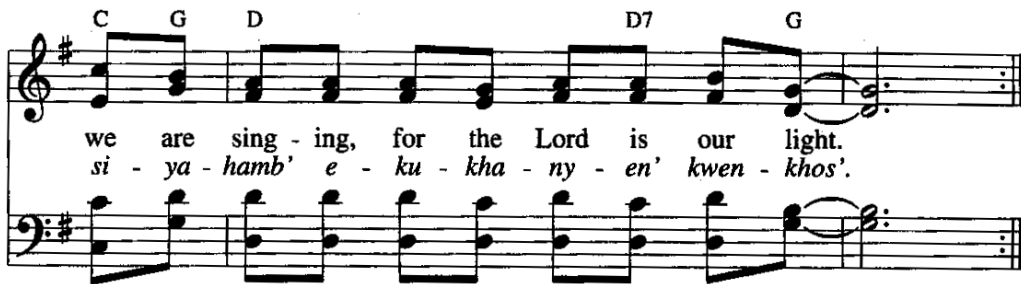
One: Go in peace, serve the Lord.

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

♩ Hymn 76 "We Are Singing, for the Lord is Our Light"

Refrain 

We are sing - ing,* for the Lord is our light,
 Si - ya - hamb' e - ku - kha - ny - en' kwen - khos,'



we are sing - ing, for the Lord is our light.
 si - ya - hamb' e - ku - kha - ny - en' kwen - khos'.

We are sing - ing, Oh we are
 Si - ya - ham - ba, Oo si - ya -



We are sing - ing, sing - ing, we are sing - ing, sing - ing, we are
 Si - ya - ham - ba, ham - ba, si - ya - ham - ba, ham - ba, si - ya -

we are
 si - ya -

sing - ing for the Lord is our light. We are our light.
 hamb' e - ku - kha - ny - en' kwen - khos. Si - ya - kwen - khos.



sing - ing for the Lord is, for the Lord is our light. We are our light.
 hamb' e - ku - kha - ny - en' kwen, kha - ny - en' kwen - khos. Si - ya - kwen - khos.

sing - ing for the Lord is our light. We are our light.
 hamb' e - ku - kha - ny - en' kwen - khos. Si - ya - kwen - khos.

*marching/praying

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 MUSIC: Zulu melody; adapted and original verses by Hal H. Hopson (1933-)

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Verses (Optional Solo)

N.C. G2 C6 Bm7 Am7 Gmaj7 N.C. C6 Am7

1 The Lord is the strength of our lives; of whom shall we be a - fraid?
 2 One thing have we asked of the Lord, yes, this is the thing we seek:
 3 When bur - dens are heav - y to bear, our shel - ter is God a - lone.
 4 We walk in the strength of the Lord, God's love is ev - er sure.

D D7 G2 C6 Bm7 Am7 Gmaj7 N.C.

Though foes may be near to de - stroy, the
 To dwell in the house of the Lord; to
 Our feet are lift - ed high; yes,
 We shout that the world may hear, we

D.S. (Refrain)

C6 Am7 D C/D D C/E D/F#

Lord will be our light.
 live with God for - ev - er. We are
 high up - on a rock. Si - ya -
 sing a joy - ful song.

Postlude

SERVING TODAY

Our Worship Team:

Litanist:

Musicians:

Karla Spaits
Sherry McElhatton
Elsa Kirkegaard
Eric Walker

Ministers: ALL OF YOU!

Lectionary texts for October 4 – Eighteenth Sunday after Pentecost
Exodus 20:1-4, 7-9, 12-20 and Psalm 19 • Isaiah 5:1-7 and Psalm 80:7-15
• Philippians 3:4b-14 • Matthew 21:33-46

CALENDAR – WEEK OF SEPTEMBER 27

Lectionary group at Peace Church - September 29th - 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 be held on Wednesday, September 30th from 4:00 – 5:15 p.m. in the Youth Room. COVID guidelines will be practiced – so please wear your mask!

7th & 8th Grade Confirmation classes will be held on Sundays at 6:00 p.m. via Zoom. The Fall session runs from September 13 – October 25. If you have any questions, please contact Eric Walker.

Sunday School Students and Families: Have you checked out the Peace Church YouTube channel lately? There are new intro videos for classes, Read With Me books, and previously recorded lessons. Some even have special guests that are pretty entertaining!!! We'll let you know as soon as it is safe to return to our classrooms! In the meantime, stay safe, stay positive, and we look forward to seeing you at the outdoor church services in River Hill Park on Sundays!!!

Worship in the Park – Sunday, 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.

**We will begin regathering for worship in our church building on Oct. 18th.
Service times have changed to: 8:00 a.m. and 10:00 a.m.**

Reservations will be required: Please click on either the 8:00 worship link (first link below) or the 10:00 worship link (second link below) to reserve your spot at worship.

8:00 am. worship- <https://peaceucc800worship.eventbrite.com>

10:00 am. worship- <https://peaceucc10amworship.eventbrite.com>

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 27– October 3

September 27

JoAnn Butzlaff, Jake Lemke, Brittany Whitehall,
Nicholas Zangl

September 28

Jonathon Gill, John A. Lemke, Bret Rauch

September 29

Cal Rauch, Sydney Reichel

October 1

Ryan Ogi, Adam Rahmer, Kelly Staffin

October 2

Gary Fisher (81), Markus Frank (92), Fred Krieser,
Howard Zemlicka (87)

October 3

Russell Vey

Happy Anniversary - September 27 – October 3

September 29

Nicholas & Brittany Luther (8)

October 1

Jim & Joyce Meinberg (65)

October 2

Scott & Terry Buss (21)

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:

Rose Ambler (B. Hallen)
Ruth Betts (M. McFadden)
Caelyb (Bocher)
Jessica (DeLaurier)
Ron Geurts (Stern)
Arnold Gudex (C. Gudex)
Norbert Gudex (C. Gudx)
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)
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

Jean Cornell (Herriges)

Nephew of Beck Ehmer

Kerri Estep (Atwater)

Nancy Gruebling (Kletti)

Paula Hader (Adler)

Norm Hughes (K. Hughes)

Sheri Theep (Van Beek)

Jan (D. Stangl)

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:

John Waskiewicz, Marion Doms, Rev. Kathryn O'Connor Kuhn

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.

Neighbors In Need

“I’m telling the solemn truth: Whenever you did one of these things to someone overlooked or ignored, that was me – you did it to me.”

Matthew 25:40 (The Message)

The Neighbors in Need special mission offering supports the United Church of Christ’s ministries of justice and compassion throughout the United States. Neighbors in Need helps fund ministries that address poverty, economic development, human rights, peacemaking, violence, racial and economic justice, environmental concerns, and public advocacy. The theme for this year’s Neighbors in Need offering is “All children have the right to simply be children.”

With our generous gifts to Neighbors in Need, the United Church of Christ is offering hope to millions of people; we are transforming lives, the nation, and our world. In 2020, more than ever, contributions to the Neighbors in Need offering are needed. Our country is experiencing unprecedented needs in this time of the Covid-19 crisis. **Our congregation will be receiving and dedicating this special mission offering on Sunday, October 4, 2020.**

Two-thirds of the offering given to Neighbors in Need is used by the Justice and Witness Ministries of the United Church of Christ to fund a wide array of local and national justice initiatives, advocacy efforts, and direct service projects. Our national Justice and Witness Ministries office offers resources, news update, and action alerts on a broad spectrum of justice issues. Working with members of the UCC Justice and Peace Action Network (a network of thousands of UCC justice and peace advocates), Justice and Witness continues its strong policy advocacy work on issues such as the federal budget, voting rights, immigration, health care, hate crimes, civil liberties, environmental justice, and poverty.

Neighbors in Need also supports our American Indian neighbors in the UCC. One-third of the offering supports the work of the Council for American Indian Ministry (CAIM), which is the voice for American Indian people in the United Church of Christ. Today there are 20 UCC congregations on reservations and one urban multi-tribal UCC congregation in Minneapolis, Minnesota. In addition to supporting these local churches and their pastors, CAIM strives to be a valuable resource for more than 1,000 individuals from dozens of other tribes and nations who are members of other UCC congregations in the United States.

God calls us to imagine and boldly believe that another world is possible, A Just World for All . . . a world without hunger - a world without poverty - a world without discrimination – a world without oppression - a world without violence.

Through our gifts to Neighbors in Need on October 4th, we have the opportunity to make a difference and help make A Just World For All possible. Let us give generously to the work of bringing hope and wholeness to all of our neighbors.

PEACE CHURCH CONTACT INFORMATION

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