



Peace United Church of Christ

Rev. Eric Kirkegaard

September 5, 2021

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

“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

↑Hymn # 30

“All Things Bright and Beautiful”

Gathering Our Hearts Before God – Psalm 125

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

Many: And also with you.

One: Those who trust in the Lord are like Mount Zion, which cannot be moved, but abides forever.

Many: As the mountains surround Jerusalem, so the Lord surrounds his people, from this time on and forevermore.

One: For the scepter of wickedness shall not rest on the land allotted to the righteous, so that the righteous might not stretch out their hands to do wrong.

Many: Do good, O Lord, to those who are good, and to those who are upright in their hearts.

All: *But those who turn aside to their own crooked ways the Lord will lead away with evildoers. Peace be upon Israel!*

Confession of Sin and Assurance of Pardon

One: We offer our confession before our God.

All: *Precious Lord, we confess that we have been timid with your gospel. We have not pushed ourselves to praise you in word and deed at all times, with all people. We have been stingy in our understanding of your grace, judging others – giving power to our fears instead of to your promise of abundant love and power beyond imagining.*

Lord in our closed-mindedness, in our limited faithfulness, we sin against you in thought word and deed, by what we do and by what we leave undone. Have mercy upon us!

One: God's grace is abundant and offered to all. Know that you are beloved children of the living Christ. Through God's gift, we are forgiven.

With renewed hearts we pray:

All: *“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.”

↑ **Act of Praise** (sung to the tune of Lasst Uns Erfreuen hymn #23)

***“From all that dwell below the skies
let the Creator’s praise arise; Alleluia! Alleluia!
Let the Redeemer’s name be sung;
let God the Spirit free each tongue.***

Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!”

↑ **The Passing of the Peace**

Peace be with you
And also with you

Epistle

[James 2:1-10, 14-17](#)

The Children’s Time

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

Hymn #480 “Open My Eyes, That I May See”

Gospel

[Mark 7:24-37](#)

Sermon

“Be Opened!”

Special Music

“Hallelujah”

arr. Lorie Line

↑ **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.

The Sacrament of Holy Communion

Prayer of Consecration

PLEASE hum or sing quietly: #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 Señor.*

Sharing Christ's Story

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 hungry 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

Pastoral Prayer – Silent Prayer

Benediction

Leader: Go in Peace, serve the Lord.

All: We go to love and to serve, for we are the church. Alleluia and Amen.

Announcements

↑Hymn #712

“Sent Forth By God’s Blessing”

Postlude

The Altar Flowers are in memory of Kevin Lehmann’s birthday from the Lehmann Family. ❤️ Happy Heavenly Birthday Kevin!

Lectionary for September 12: Proverbs 1:20-33 and Psalm 19 or Wisdom of Solomon 7:26 - 8:1 • Isaiah 50:4-9a and Psalm 116:1-9 • James 3:1-12 • Mark 8:27-38

SERVING TODAY

Litanists: Jackie McCurdy

Ushers: (8) Ken Singer (9:30)

Organist: Karla Spaits

Video: Jake Lemke

Audio: Joshua Spaits

Coffee Hour: (8) (9:30)

NEWS & NOTES

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 current County Covid cases our capacity is going backwards! At this time we should be limiting our attendance again to 25% of capacity! (about 50 worshippers in the sanctuary, the worship leaders are in addition to that number). During the summer we have been sitting close to this number. This is a bold reminder for all of us to do our part and consider how we not only keep ourselves safe, but also our neighbors and especially the most vulnerable among us. If each of us do our small part then we will more quickly and safely return to normal!

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.

If you are vaccinated, per CDC guidelines, in order to maximize protection from the Delta variant and prevent possibly spreading it to others, the CDC recommends wearing a mask indoors in public if you are in an area of substantial or high transmission. Currently, Washington County falls into that category. Masks are available at all entrances.

Peace Church Worship on YouTube: 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.

Lectionary group at Peace Church Each week we gather together to study the scripture for the upcoming Sunday. The group meets Tuesday mornings at 10:00 a.m. in Fellowship Hall.

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

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
- 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.

Youth Choir

Attention Youth and Parents/Guardians: We plan to restart Youth Choir outdoors (weather permitting) in September. Our first practice will be Sunday, September 5 after our second Worship service. Plan to gather on the north lawn near the gazebo from about 10:40 to 11:00 a.m. No age limit - all are welcome!

If you have any questions or would like to volunteer, please contact Sherry at 262-305-7926 or mcelhatton4@gmail.com Thank you! Sherry McElhatton

Chancel Choir - Due to a contractual obligation, Chancel Choir practice will begin **Tuesday, September 14th**. New members and all vocal ranges are welcome. All you need to bring is a love of music and the willingness to enjoy spending time with a really special group of people. See you on the 14th! Bill Stangl

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

Cedar Valley Part-time Employment: Cedar Valley, UCCI is looking to add a few extra hands to its incredible team. Whether you are interested in housekeeping, adding your talents to the kitchen, or you'd like to help in our office part time... We'd like to get to know you. This is a perfect opportunity for High School students or anyone looking for part time employment. At Cedar Valley, hours are flexible and may include weekends. Volunteer Opportunities are also available. Contact Michelle Spettel, Email – mspettel@ucci.org, Phone – 262.629.1852

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:

Brianna Augustin
Rev. Bob Blackburn
Harvey Brodzeller
Nancy Brodzeller
Fran Charland
Judy Christensen
Markus Frank
Betty Graff
John Herbst
Jim Meinberg
Joyce Meinberg
Marilyn McIntosh
Jinny Michaels
Dennis Novotny
Sharon Ostermann
Clark Pearson
Michael Schmidt

Greg Vorpahl
Bev Winninghoff
Connie Zemlicka

Friends & Family:

Ezekiel
Gene
Joy Brott
Lorrie (H. Bruenn)
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, Sheri Rehn

Friends & Family:

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

Brenda Jacklin (Piittmann)
Kathy Jarolimek (Henk)
Kathy (S. Augustin family)
Zannah & Kendra (Lindgren)
Sheri Theep (Van Beek)
Sue Mitchell (Rhoads)
Dennis Liepert (J. Michaels)
Sandra Senn (P. Behr)

Prayers of Comfort: to the family and friends of John Coulter, who passed away on Tuesday, August 31st. A funeral for John will be held on Monday, September 13th at Peace Church. Visitation is from 2:00 – 4:00 p.m. with the service at 4:00 p.m.

To the family and friends of Walter “Wally” Ewert. Wally passed away on August 25, 2021.

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 Stolorski (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.

BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES

Happy Birthday - September 5 – September 11

Sept 5 Janel Gassner, Brenda Gitter, Janet Kuehn(87), Chase Lindgren

Sept 6 Barry Clark

Sept 7 Elizabeth Bobb, Emily Butzlaff, Samanth Donath

Sept 8 Lynn Rusch (81)

Sept 9 Dave Roehrig, Brenda Roehrig, Amy Wiskirchen

Sept 10 Nicholas Bier, Kim Clark, Pastor Eric, Tom Kolb,

Sept 11 Dymon Stern, Val Vorpahl

Anniversaries – September 5 – September 11

Sept. 5 Tom & Michelle Ogi (11)

Sept 8 Eric & Shrestha Ogi (2)

Sept 11 William & Carol Butzlaff (56), Dennis & Cheryl Novotny (56)

Sunday School News

Families with Children ages Pre-K through 6th Grade will want to attend the 9:30 worship service on Sunday, September 12th, RALLY DAY for Sunday School, and be sure to bring their backpacks to receive a special blessing and bag tag.

All School, Sunday School, and Confirmation teachers, administrators, and staff are also encouraged to participate in the blessing, with or without their backpacks.

Students in 7th-8th grades will be receiving a special gift on RALLY day as well. Pastor Eric will have a gift for **9th grade students** at their first confirmation gathering.

Children in the PreK-Kdg class and 3rd-4th Grade Class will receive their very own Bibles on the following Sunday, September 19th. *The Beginner's Bible* will be presented to all Pre-K and Kdg students who have not already received one, while *The NIV Adventure Bible* will be given to all 3rd and 4th Grade students who do not already have theirs.

Middle School Youth Group



Karla and Josh Spaits will lead the Middle School Youth Group with lots of fun activities and events! Here's what's going on in September!

- Sept. 4: Movie, Poster Making for 9/11, and Games
- Sept. 11: 9/11 Service Activity - Decorate and deliver cookies/Posters to the fire station and police department
- Sept. 18: Movie and Games
- Sept. 25: Service Activity (TBD)

All activities this month will meet in Fellowship Hall from 5-8 pm

Special Event!

The Church Basement Ladies is coming to the Schauer Arts Center in Hartford, WI on Saturday, March 5, 2022 at 3:00 p.m.

Tickets are \$40.00.

We hope to get enough people interested to carpool from Peace Church.

Tickets are being pre-purchased, as the show is expected to sellout very quickly!

Reserve your seat today by signing up on the bulletin board in the church parking lot lobby or by calling or emailing the church office at Office@peace-ucc.org or 262-626-4011.

Tickets will go fast.



Church Basement Ladies, a celebration of the church basement kitchen and the women who work there, features four distinct characters and their relationships as they organize the food and the problems of a rural Minnesota church. From the elderly matriarch of the kitchen to the young bride-to-be learning the proper order of things, the book and music give us a touching, funny look at their lives as we see them handle a record-breaking Christmas dinner, the funeral of a dear friend, a Hawaiian Easter Fundraiser, and a steaming hot July wedding. They stave off potential disasters, share and debate recipes, instruct the young, and keep the Pastor on due course while thoroughly enjoying, (and tolerating) each other. Funny and down to earth, audiences will recognize these ladies as they begin to see the church year unfold from below the House of God.

PEACE CHURCH CONTACT INFORMATION

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

Pastor Bob Blackburn, Visitation Minister 920-279-0816

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

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