



# **Peace United Church of Christ**

Rev. Eric Kirkegaard

6 September 2020

Fourteenth Sunday after Pentecost

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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*

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## WORSHIP SERVICE

Greetings - A Time of Centering

Hymn #231 "Arise, Your Light Is Come!"

The musical score is written in 4/4 time with a key signature of two sharps (F# and C#). It consists of two systems of music, each with a vocal line and a bass line. The first system includes four verses of lyrics. The second system includes the concluding lines of the hymn. Chord symbols are placed above the notes in both systems.

N.C. A D A D A  $\frac{E}{B}$  B7 E

1 A - rise, your light is come! The Spir - it's call o - bey; show  
2 A - rise, your light is come! Fling wide the pris - on door; pro -  
3 A - rise, your light is come! All you in sor - row born, bind  
4 A - rise, your light is come! The moun-tains burst in song! Rise

A  $\frac{E}{G\#}$   $\frac{D}{F\#}$   $\frac{A}{E}$   $\frac{Bm}{D}$  D#m7(b5) E  $\frac{A}{C\#}$  D  $\frac{A}{C\#}$  Esus E7 A

forth the glo - ry of your God which shines on you to - day.  
claim the cap-tive's lib - er - ty, good ti - dings to the poor.  
up the bro - ken - heart - ed ones and com - fort those who mourn.  
up like ea - gles on the wing, God's power will make us strong.

WORDS: Ruth Duck (1947- )  
MUSIC: William H. Walter (1825-1893)

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FESTAL SONG  
S.M.

## Being Gathered to God – from Psalm 149

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

**People: And also with you.**

Leader: O give thanks to the Lord, call on his name, make known his deeds among the peoples.

**People: Praise the Lord! Sing to the Lord a new song, his praise in the assembly of the faithful. Let Israel be glad in its Maker; let the children of Zion rejoice in their King.**

Leader: Let them praise his name with dancing, making melody to him with tambourine and lyre.

**People: For the Lord takes pleasure in his people; he adorns the humble with victory.**

**All: This is the glory for all his faithful ones. Praise the Lord!**

## The Prayer of Invocation and Our Lord's Prayer

**All: Precious Lord, free our hearts to hear the goodness of your ways. As we gather with ongoing news of a pandemic and of human actions that weary our souls, breath into us a word of hope and light. Gather us in your promise that you are here, with the homeless and the helpless, with the frightened and the lost, with those who long for your healing and those who hope to be heard.... Humble us in your presence and guide us in your kingdom-ways as we pray: *“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.”***

## Prayer of Confession

One: God, you journey with us in the brokenness of the world and the failings of our own lives. We confess our sins because we long to

hear again the promise of your mercy, grace, and hope. Offer us a different way O God.

**All: We struggle to be the change that we long for in our world. Forgive us, when fear causes us to respond with anger or violence instead of the transformative peace you teach. Forgive us, when ongoing news of disasters both man-made and natural lead to compassion fatigue and feelings of powerlessness. Forgive us, for the ways that we contribute to the brokenness of our world – we sin by thought, word, and deed, through what we do, and through what we fail to do. We long for your promise of presence and forgiveness.**

Assurance of Forgiveness

One: God is always here with us, claiming us as God's beloved and seeking to restore our relationships with God, one another, and creation. Through God's love, we are forgiven. 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**

OT Lesson

Exodus 12:1-14

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

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

Blessing of the backpacks – teachers – students

*(Hold your backpack on your lap, or place a hand on your student, or hold out your prayers toward all who teach and learn. If you did not already receive a symbol of your backpack's blessing, you may pick one up after the service.)*

Let us Pray:

God of all knowledge and wisdom, backpacks remind us that another school year has begun. We pray your blessing on these students, teachers, and backpacks:

**May the burdens in them be light. May your Holy Spirit watch over those who carry them, students young and old. And may that Spirit be at work with all those who seek to fill backpacks and students with knowledge and inspiration - teachers, staff, parents and community. Help all of us to discover and develop the gifts you have given us. As we grow in knowledge, help us to also grow in kindness and compassion, learning respect for ourselves and others. Bless these backpacks and surround all of us with encouragement, support, and love. In the name of the great Teacher at whose knee we are all students, Amen.**

*(We offer special prayers of thanks for the faith formation team at our church: Sunday School: John Lemke Confirmation: Pastor Eric Kirkegaard, Eric Walker CE Board: Becky Manthei, Jamie Piittmann, Laura Kirkegaard, Sheri Rehn, Jessica Manogue, Kathy Charland, Gayle Van Ess.)*

🎵 Hymn #487

“Kum Ba Yah”

The first system of musical notation is in 3/4 time with a key signature of one sharp (F#). It features a treble clef staff with a melody and a bass clef staff with accompaniment. Chords are indicated above the treble staff: D, G, D, and Em/D. The lyrics are as follows:

1 \*Kum ba yah, my Lord, kum ba yah! Kum ba yah, my Lord, kum ba  
 2 Some-one's cry-ing, Lord, kum ba yah! Some-one's cry-ing, Lord, kum ba  
 3 Some-one's sing-ing, Lord, kum ba yah! Some-one's sing-ing, Lord, kum ba  
 4 Some-one's pray-ing, Lord, kum ba yah! Some-one's pray-ing, Lord, kum ba

\*Come by here

WORDS and MUSIC: African-American spiritual

KUM BA YAH  
8.8.8.5.

The second system of musical notation continues the melody and accompaniment. Chords are indicated above the treble staff: A7, D, G, D, G, D, A7, D. The lyrics are as follows:

yah! Kum ba yah, my Lord, kum ba yah! O Lord, kum ba yah!  
 yah! Some-one's cry-ing, Lord, kum ba yah! O Lord, kum ba yah!  
 yah! Some-one's sing-ing, Lord, kum ba yah! O Lord, kum ba yah!  
 yah! Some-one's pray-ing, Lord, kum ba yah! O Lord, kum ba yah!

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Epistle Lesson

Romans 13:8-14

Gospel Lesson

Matthew 18:15-20

Sermon

“Are We Willing to Love and Be Loved?”

Special Music

“One Bread, One Body”

arr. John Carter

## 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 of your creation. Amen.**

## The Sacrament of Holy Communion

### Prayer of Consecration

#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 Senor.*

### 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 hungering 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 – “Christ Has No Body” – Teresa of Avila

One: Christ has no body now on earth but yours; no hands but yours; no feet but yours. Yours are the eyes through which the compassion of Christ must look out on the world. Yours are the feet with which He is to go about doing good. Yours are the hands with which He is to bless His people.

Go in peace, serve the Lord.

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



♩ Hymn 393

“Blest Be The Ties That Binds”

F C C7 F F7 Bb F C

1 Blest be the tie that binds our hearts in Chris-tian love;  
 2 Be-fore our Fa-ther's throne we pour our ar-dent prayers;  
 3 We share our mu-tual woes, each oth-er's bur-dens bear;  
 4 From sor-row, toil, and pain, and sin we shall be free;

C7 F C C7/E F Bb/F F/A F Bb/D F/C C7 F

the fel-low-ship of kin-dred minds is like to that a-bove.  
 our fears, our hopes, our aims are one, our com-forts and our cares.  
 and oft-en for each oth-er flows the sym-pa-thiz-ing tear.  
 and per-fect love and friend-ship reign through all e-ter-ni-ty.

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WORDS: John Fawcett (1740-1817), alt.  
 MUSIC: Johann G. Nägeli (1773-1836); arr. Lowell Mason (1792-1872)

DENNIS  
 S.M.

Postlude

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***SERVING TODAY***

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Our Worship Team:

Litanist:

Bill Stangl

Musicians:

Karla Spaits

Sherry McElhatton

Elsa Kirkegaard

Camera:

Kandy Lindgren

Ministers: ALL OF YOU!

The flowers on the altar are in honor of Kevin Lehman's birthday today, September 6th. Happy Birthday Kevin!

**Lectionary texts for September 13** – Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost  
Exodus 14:19-31 and Psalm 114 or Exodus 15:1b-11, 20-21 • Genesis  
50:15-21 and Psalm 103:(1-7), 8-13 • Romans 14:1-12 • Matthew 18:21-  
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***CALENDAR – WEEK OF SEPTEMBER 6***

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**Lectionary group at Peace Church** - September 8<sup>th</sup> - 10:00 a.m. Contact the church if you are interested. Each week we will study the scripture for the upcoming Sunday.

**Worship in the Park** – Sunday, September 13<sup>th</sup>, September 20<sup>th</sup>, October 4<sup>th</sup> and October 11<sup>th</sup> 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 4<sup>th</sup> 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.
- 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.

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## ***BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES***

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### **Happy Birthday**

### **September 6 – September 12**

September 6	Barry Clark, Kevin Lehman
September 7	Elizabeth Bobb, Emily Butzlaff (17), Samantha Donath
September 8	Lynn Rusch (80)
September 9	David Roehrig, Brenda Roehrig, Amy Wiskirchen
September 10	Nicholas Bier, Kim Clark, Pastor Eric Kirkegaard, Tom Kolb
September 11	Dymon Stern, Valerie Vorpahl
September 12	Marion Doms (91), Nick Paul (14)

### **Happy Anniversary - September 6 – September 12**

September 6	Eric & Shrestha Ogi (1)
September 11	William & Carol Butzlaff (55), Dennis & Cheryl Novotny (55)

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## ***PRAYER LIST***

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### **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	Robert Neumann
Debbie Butzlaff	Don Neitzel
Barry Clark	Dennis Novotny
John Coulter	Donna Ogi
Marion Doms	Mitch Ogi
Carol Gardner	Chris Rode
Betty Graff	Carol Sedgwick
Marian Herriges	Betty Skaug
Nancy Laguna	Mark Steinhardt
Les Martin	Alec Taylor
Marilyn McIntosh	Greg Vorpahl
Jim Meinberg	Bev Winninghoff

### **Friends & Family:**

Ruth Betts (M. McFadden)

Caelyb (Bocher)

Jessica (DeLaurier)

Ron Geurts (Stern)

William 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

**Congratulations** to Jinny Michaels on the birth of her second great-grandchild. Her great-granddaughter was born on Saturday, August 29<sup>th</sup>!

## **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.

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## **PEACE CHURCH CONTACT INFORMATION**

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