

**Celebrating
Pastor Eric's 25th Anniversary
of
Ordination, Pastor, Teacher & Friend**



**Peace United Church of Christ
Rev. Eric Kirkegaard
June 18, 2023
Third 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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**INDICATES STANDING*

THE BELL CALLS US INTO GOD'S PRESENCE

PRELUDE

Fanfare to Joy

Lorie Line

GREETINGS & PRAYER REQUESTS

CALL TO WORSHIP

One: Rejoice, for God is among us. Give thanks, for in Christ we are a new people. Sing praise, for we come to worship God.

***HYMN #59**

Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee

CONFESSION OF SIN AND ASSURANCE OF PARDON

One: Christ is with us.

All: He is in our midst.

One: Let us pray.

All: O God, distant yet near, we gather as witnesses to your promise, that if we seek you with all our hearts, we will find you. Be among us today; hear the confessions of our mouths, the yearnings of our hearts. Help us change the narrowness of our vision and the pettiness of our living. Make us new again with your holy grace. Grant us your spirit, that our worship may have integrity in our thoughts and renewed vision to become people who change others by our love that grows stronger and finds its power in you, we pray through Jesus Christ, who taught us to 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.

***RESPONSE #338**

King of Kings

THE PASSING OF THE PEACE

Peace be with you.

And also with you.

SPECIAL MUSIC

I Believe

Mark Miller

CHILDREN'S TIME - As the children come forward,
please sing Hymn 437 "Jesus Loves Me" vs. 1

HYMN

Joyous Light of Heavenly Glory

M. Haugen

Evening Hymn



1. Joy-ous light of heav-'nly glo - ry, lov - ing
2. In the stars that grace the dark - ness, in the
3. You who made the heav-en's splen - dor, ev - 'ry



glow of God's own face, you who sing cre - a - tion's
blaz - ing sun of dawn, in the light of peace and
danc - ing star of night, make us shine with gen - tle



sto - ry, shine on ev 'ry land and race. Now as
wis - dom, we can hear your qui - et song. Love that
jus - tice, let us each re - flect your light. Might - y



eve - ning falls a - round us, we shall raise our songs to
fills the night with won - der, love that warms the wea - ry
God of all cre - a - tion, gen - tle Christ who lights our



you, God of day - break, God of shad - ows, come and
soul, Love that bursts all chains a - sun - der, set us
way, Lov - ing Spir - it of sal - va - tion, lead us



light our hearts a - new. _____
free and make us whole. _____
on to end - less day. _____

GOSPEL Matthew 9:35-10 :14

SERMON *From Nowhere to Now Here*
Rev. Bob Ullman

SOLO *He Shall Be Like a Tree* David Austin
Soloist: David O'Connor, son of Rev. Jerry O'Connor

PRAYER OF DEDICATION *Together*

We offer our gifts in thanksgiving and ask your blessing upon them, may they be used for the good of all who may be in need, for the work of this church in community with others, that the world might become a community of love and peace for all. Amen.

PASTORAL PRAYER

PRAYER RESPONSE

There is Love in my Soul
Cherie Dowman Zahn, Composer and friend of Sherry McElhatton

The Congregation joins in the refrain

In my soul, In my soul

That everlasting Love* is in my soul

It sets my spirit free and it's very good for me

There is lots of Love* in my soul

****Peace/Joy/Love***

BENEDICTION

One: Go in peace, serve the Lord.

All: We go to love and to serve, for we are the church! Thanks be to God! Alleluia and Amen!

***HYMN #710** *The Trees of the Field*

POSTLUDE *Trumpet Voluntary* arr. Carper

You are invited to remain seated during the postlude.

RECESSIONAL *March Jubilant* arr. Line

Rev. Bob Ullman - Today's guest preacher is Rev. Bob Ullman. Bob and Pastor Eric have been friends and colleagues in ministry for the past 25 years since Eric came to Peace Church. They have shared the joys and challenges of ministry over all those years. Bob retired seven years ago after 34 years as Pastor of Redeemer United

Church of Christ in Sussex and since then has been serving the wider UCC as the Co-Chair of the Wisconsin Conference Creation Care Team. Since the onset of the Pandemic, Bob has been part of the Supportive Ministries Team of the Conference resourcing clergy and congregational leaders for navigating the Pandemic disruption and beyond. Bob also serves as a Facilitator for two Communities of Practice of active clergy in the Conference and as a Clergy Coach.

SERVING US TODAY:

Litanist: Vikar Jakob Kröner; Video: David Dorn;

Audio: Joshua Spaits

TODAY'S MUSICIANS:

Piano: Sherry McElhatton, Karla Spaits, Elsa Kirkegaard, Laura Kirkegaard

Organ: Sherry McElhatton

Clavinova: Sherry McElhatton, Karla Spaits, Elsa Kirkegaard, Berit Kirkegaard

Melodica: Karla Spaits

Trumpet: Clayton Frounfelker

Trombone: Dan Stoffel, Joe Billmann, Tom Kolb

Tuba: Roger Mertz

Percussion: Eric Walker

Flute: Elsa Kirkegaard, Ellie Baldus

Bells: Mia Dornacker

Vocals: Mia Dornacker, Karla Spaits, Sherry McElhatton, Cherie Dowman Zahn, Elsa Kirkegaard, Eric Kirkegaard, Greg Ogi, David O'Connor

Ukulele: Cherie Dowman Zahn, Karla Spaits, Sherry McElhatton, Berit Kirkegaard, Elsa Kirkegaard, Nancy Stoffel, Jackie McCurdy, Judy Christensen

NEWS & NOTES

Today's Altar Flowers are in honor of Pastor Eric on his 25th Anniversary of Ordination and 25 years of Pastor & Teacher.

Lectionary for June 25 - Genesis 21:8-21 and Psalm 86:1-10, 16-17 • Jeremiah 20:7-13 and Psalm 69:7-10, (11-15), 16-18 • Romans 6:1b-11 • Matthew 10:24-39

Happy Birthday June 18 - 24

June 18 Robert Manthei, Katie McCurdy, Thomas McCurdy

June 19 Joseph Bocher, Chris DeLaurier

June 20 JohnMark Bocher, Joshua Bocher, John Guillaume, Edgar Loomis (90)

June 22 Bill Becker, Jared Gassner-York, Joanne Stautz

June 24 Kathy Mertz, John Hubbell (85)

Happy Anniversary – June 18 - 24

June 20 Bob & Kay Blackburn (42)

Bill & Nancy Wiederanders (28)

June 21 Bill & Diane Stangl (43)

June 22 Becky Manthei & Mathias Dornacker (16)

Wes & Barbara Westra (60)

June 23 David & Marlene Domasky (50), John & Sara Lemke (22)

Roger & Kandy Lindgren (32)

June 24 Edgar & Janette Loomis (70)

June 25 John & Jeanne Wood (63)

Calendar for the Week of June 18, 2023

6/13 Lectionary 10 a.m., Church Council 6:00 p.m.

6/14 XYZ Cards, Banned Book Club 1:30 pm, Habitat Trip Meeting 6:30 pm, Church Directory Photos 9am-1pm & 4-7pm, Sacred Space worship 7 pm

Summer worship is at 9:00 am - through Labor Day. Come and celebrate being gathered as one family of God.

Midweek worship! We are going to try something a little different and create sacred space on Wednesday evenings at 7:00 p.m. Services will be less formal, more interactive, some different music. Come and be a part of experiencing/imagining how we create a new worship experience at Peace UCC.

Pastoral Relations Survey - The annual evaluation of Pastor Eric will take place during the month of June. The evaluation was skipped last year because Pastor Eric was away on Sabbatical for 4 months.

The surveys for church members to fill out anonymously (or signed) are available at 3 locations in church - the Narthex, by the Elevator entrance in the Sanctuary, and in the entry area coming in from the parking lot. People can pick them up from one of these 3 locations, take them home and then return them to one of these locations and put their filled-out form in the drop-off slot in the boxes. These boxes and the forms will be in place on Sunday, June 4th and will remain in place throughout the month of June. The Pastoral Relations team will go through the returned forms and tally up the results at our August 21st meeting.

Church Picnic Meeting – There will be a Church Picnic Meeting on Monday, June 19th at 6:00 pm. We need volunteers to assist in many areas for this year's Picnic, which will be held on Sunday, August 6th at River Hill Park with church service at 9:00 a.m. and lunch to follow. If you are interested, please plan on attending the meeting or call the church office at 262-62

Cook for the Habitat Trip – The habitat group is looking for a cook! If you are interested in traveling to Red Wing, Minnesota with the Habitat group from July 9 – July 14 and be the person who plans the meals, buys groceries and cooks, please contact the church office at office@peace-ucc.org or 262-626-4011.

PRAYERS FOR THE WEEK

Current prayers will be listed for one week unless otherwise indicated. Requests may be emailed to office@peace-ucc.org or by calling the office at 262-626-4011. You may also share your prayer requests 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.

Prayers for Healing:

For John Grundahl's cousin, Pastor Steve Engelstad, who had an accident and fractured his C5 and C6 bones and separated his shoulder. He had surgery this past Wednesday.

For Katie Reigle, daughter-in-law of Jean & Jeff Reigle, who underwent surgery on June 14th for colon cancer.

For Bill Becker, who will be having hip replacement surgery on Wednesday, June 21st.