



Peace United Church of Christ

Rev. Eric Kirkegaard

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Good Friday

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.

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Rev. Russ Knoth is a retired Pastor of the United Church of Christ. Rev. Knoth also serves as the volunteer Police Chaplain to the Menomonee Police and Fire Department since 1989. Rev. Knoth, a member of Peace Church, serves as a frequent visiting minister to Peace UCC. (4/14, 4/15, 4/17, 6/5)

DELIVER US AND GIVE US PEACE – by John Davies

Lord Jesus,
by your cross and resurrection
deliver us
by your witness to the truth
deliver us
by your passion and death
deliver us
by your victory over the grave
deliver us
from the lust of power
deliver us
from the conspiracy of silence
deliver us
from the worship of weapons
deliver us
from the slaughter of innocents
deliver us
from the nightmare of hunger
deliver us
from the peace that is no peace
deliver us
from security that is no security
deliver us
from the politics of terror
deliver us
from the plundering of the earth's resources
deliver us
from the dispossession of the poor
deliver us
from the despair of this age
deliver us
by the light of the gospel
give us peace
by the good news for the poor
give us peace
by your healing of our wounds
give us peace
by faith in your word
give us peace
by hunger and thirst for justice
give us peace
by the coming of your kingdom
give us peace
Amen.

WORSHIP SERVICE

Prelude "Nothing But the Blood of Jesus" arr. Lorie Lane

Greetings – A Time of Centering

The Call to Gather

Leader: And this is the judgment, that the light has come into the world, and we loved darkness rather than light.

People: God is light, in whom there is no darkness at all.

Leader: For God sent a Son into the world, not to condemn the world, but that the world might be saved through him.

People: If I say, "Let the darkness cover me, and light around me turn to night," darkness is not dark to you, O God.

Leader: The night is as bright as the day; darkness and light to you are both alike.

All: Come, let us worship in spirit and in truth.

↑Hymn #281 "Lamb of God"

Opening Prayer

Leader: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Leader: Let us pray: *A brief silence.*

Most gracious God, look with mercy upon your family gathered here for whom our Lord Jesus Christ was betrayed, given into sinful hands, and suffered death upon the cross. Strengthen our faith and forgive our betrayals as we enter the way of his passion; through him who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, forever and ever.

AMEN.

The Passion of Our Lord

[John 19:16-42](#)

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↑Hymn # 283

"Were You There"

Sermon

"It is Accomplished"

The Lord's Prayer

We remember how you taught us to pray for a different way in our world, a different way in our lives. 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.”**

↑🎵 **Hymn # 285**

“Jesus, Remember Me” (sing twice)

Dismissal

I will not leave you orphans;
I will come to you.

Holy God, have mercy on us.

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There is no benediction offered today, our worship continues until
we resume Easter Morning

*We die with Christ that we may be reborn in Christ.
We conclude in Silence. You are invited to remain as long as you wish in
prayer and meditation. Please depart quietly and go with God.*

SERVING TODAY

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