



Peace United Church of Christ

Rev. Eric Kirkegaard

27 June 2021

Fifth Sunday after Pentecost

Open and Affirming Sunday

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

"Holy, Holy, Holy"

PLEASE hum or sing quietly: #595 "They'll Know We are Christians"

Unison N.C. Fm Eb Fm Cm7 Fm Eb Fm Fm

1 We are one in the Spir - it; we are one in the Lord.
2 We will walk with each oth - er; we will walk hand in hand.
3 We will work with each oth - er; we will work side by side.
4 All praise to the Fa - ther, from whom all things come.

Fm Bbm Ab Bbm Gm7(b5) Fm Eb Fm Fm

We are one in the Spir - it; we are one in the Lord.
We will walk with each oth - er; we will walk hand in hand.
We will work with each oth - er; we will work side by side.
And all praise to Christ Je - sus, his on - ly Son.

Fm Bbm Ab Bbm Gm7(b5) Fm Eb Fm Fm

And we pray that all u - ni - ty may one day be re - stored.
And to - geth - er we'll spread the news that God is in our land.
And we'll guard each one's dig - ni - ty and save each one's pride.
And all praise to the Spir - it, who makes us one.

Refrain N.C. Db Ab Db Fm Cm Fm Bbm

And they'll know we are Chris-tians by our love, by our love.

Bbm7 Fm Bbm Csus Cm Fm

Yes, they'll know we are Chris-tians by our love.

Ministry Moment: Berit Kirkegaard

Gathering Our Hearts Before God – “The Flames of Love” by Kimi Floyd Reisch

We light the flame of commitment,
**To stand with and work to create change,
Until all know they are beloved.**

We light the flame of survival,
**Grateful for our lives,
Remembering in love those lost along the road.**

We light the flame of change,
**Committing to recenter toward love,
In hearts, in minds, in our world.**

We light the flame of hope,
**Loving each other, building community,
even when it is uncomfortable.**

We light the flame of knowledge,
**Following the path of justice,
Justice that is love embodied.**

We light this flame of radical love.
**To speak out for those who have been silenced.
Those who have been rejected for who they love.
Those who have been persecuted for who they are.
Those who have been bullied for daring to be bold.
Those who have been othered and forced into the margins.
Those who have been lonely.
Those who have been hurt.
Those who are still hurting.**

We light this flame as a people committed,
**we are survivors.
we will change the world,
until no one lives without hope,
until no one lives without justice.**

We light this flame and pledge that
**In love, with love, and through love,
All things are possible!**

Confessing and Receiving Forgiveness

Leader: We join in confessing our brokenness:

All: Gracious God, we stand before you confessing that we are always wanting more than we need and listening to our fears instead of your love. We ask that you help us to see the needs of our community, our country, and our world over our own desires. Teach us to be pioneers of peace, learning to embrace diversity, by offering our help and support to those who are different from us.

Lord we confess that we sin against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we do and by what we fail to do. Forgive us. Pour your grace into us, so we will stop judging ourselves and others, and help us to create ever widening circles of unity in your name.

Leader: Christ assures us that we are forgiven people. We are loved unconditionally and completely by God our creator. God continues to invite us into each moment renewed by grace.

All: We are a forgiven people; may we learn to live and share our forgiveness with the world.

PLEASE hum or sing quietly: The Gloria Patri

“Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost: as it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be, world without end. Amen, Amen.”

The Passing of the Peace

Peace be with you

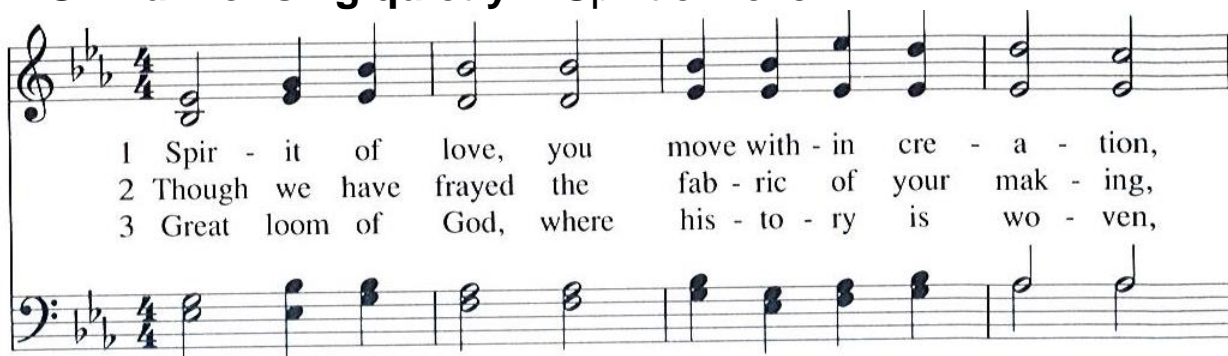
And also with you

Epistle [2 Corinthians 8:7-15](#) (right click for link)

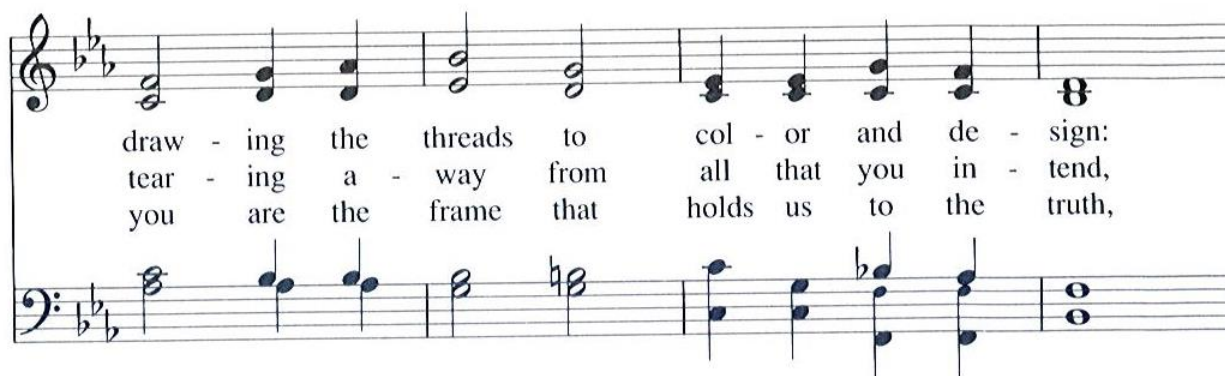
The Children’s Time “Poor, Poor Banana!”

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

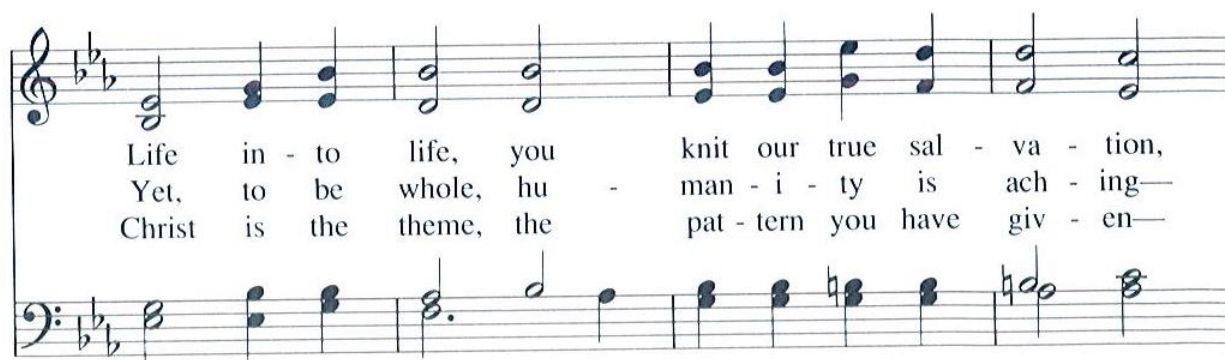
PLEASE hum or sing quietly: "Spirit of Love"



1 Spir - it of love, you move with - in cre - a - tion,
 2 Though we have frayed the fab - ric of your mak - ing,
 3 Great loom of God, where his - to - ry is wo - ven,



draw - ing the threads to col - or and de - sign:
 tear - ing a - way from all that you in - tend,
 you are the frame that holds us to the truth,



Life in - to life, you knit our true sal - va - tion,
 Yet, to be whole, hu - man - i - ty is ach - ing—
 Christ is the theme, the pat - tern you have giv - en—



come, work with us, and weave us in - to one.
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Originally titled "Weaver Spirit," this text was written for the World Council of Churches Assembly at Canberra. It addressed one of the themes of that meeting—"Come, Holy Spirit, Reconcile Your People."

Tune: PERFECT LOVE 11.10.11.10.
 Joseph Barnby, 1889

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OT Lesson [2 Samuel 1:1, 17-27](#) (right click for link)
Gospel [Mark 5:21-43](#) (right click for link)
Sermon “Who Should Constrain God?”
Special Music “Eternal Father” arr. Lorie Laine
Prayer of Dedication

God of all creation, we know that everything is a gift from you and in return, we humbly commit our offerings and ourselves to you and to your service. Amen.

Pastoral Prayer – Silent Prayer-Lord’s Prayer

“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.”

Benediction - **God of Love, Fiery Pillar**, based on an ancient Celtic Prayer by Kimi Floyd Reisch, 2021

As we kindle the fire of change, we pray that the flames of God’s inclusive love set fire to the world. We pray that no envy and malice, no hatred or fear, may smother these flames. May the spark of God’s love light the love in our hearts, that they may burn brightly through the day. May the flames of love warm those who are lonely, those who feel rejected, those who feel cast out because of who they are or who they love. May these flames, flames of radical love, flames of the Open and Affirming movement, guide them here, guide them home into the arms of love.

All: Alleluia and Amen!

PLEASE sing quietly to Hymn #574 "I'm Gonna Live So God Can Use Me"

1 I'm gon-na live so (I'm gon-na live so) God can use me (God can

use me) an - y time (an - y time) and an - y - where. (an - y -

where.) I'm gon-na live so (I'm gon-na live so) God can use me

an - y time (an - y time) and an - y - where. (an - y - where.)

2 I'm gonna work...

3 I'm gonna pray...

4 I'm gonna sing...

Lectionary for Sunday, July 4th, 8 a.m. and 9:30 a.m. at Peace Church:

Sixth Sunday after Pentecost: 2 Samuel 5:1-5, 9-10 and Psalm 48 • Ezekiel 2:1-5 and Psalm 123 • 2 Corinthians 12:2-10 • Mark 6:1-13

SERVING TODAY

Our Worship Team:

Musicians: Sherry McElhatton
Elsa Kirkegaard
Berit Kirkegaard

Usher/Coffee Fellowship:

Becky Manthei
Bob Schrader
Joe & Mary Billmann

Video: Jake Lemke

Sexton: Roger Lindgren

Ministers: ALL OF YOU!

Altar Flowers: The flowers at today's services are from Gayle Van Ess in Celebration of Peace Church's commitment to love all of God's beloved children, and its public declaration as an Open and Affirming congregation. ❤️

NEWS AND NOTES

Summer Sunday School – Join Alexia Polzin each week, as you travel through familiar Bible stories, learning how they relate to ICE CREAM! Youth, age 4K - 3rd grade are invited to attend. Registration forms are at the south entrance. "Taste and see that the Lord is good!" Psalm 34:8 This week: Give one hurt from your heart to Jesus.

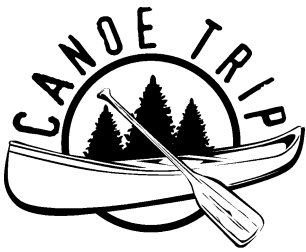
Middle School Movie Night – Middle Schoolers entering 6th through 8th grade in the fall are invited to gather in the youth room from 5-8 p.m. tonight (June 27) for a movie. Join us for pizza, popcorn, and lots of laughter!

Allen Kuhn Memorial Service – A memorial service for Allen Kuhn will be held on Friday, July 9 at 11:00 a.m. at Peace Church.

Coming Soon: VBS “Treasured: Discovering You’re Priceless to God”

Ages 3 – 11 are invited. Middle school and high school students can assist with groups. July 26-30, 8:30-11:30. Registration forms at south entrance. Can't make our VBS? Consider attending the interfaith VBS at Holy Angels in West Bend, July 6-9. www.hawb.org/vbs

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.



Canoe Trip – Peace Church is still planning a Wilderness Canoe Trip, tentatively scheduled to be on the water for the week of Aug. 8th – 13th. The Peace Church group will leave Kewaskum on Saturday, Aug 7th and return home on Saturday Aug 14. The group will lead the Peace Church worship services on Sunday the 15th.

Cost will be in the range of \$450-\$550 per person. A \$200 per person down payment is needed by the middle of June. HS youth, college age young people and adults are all welcomed to participate – if you are interested we need to know ASAP.



Summer Coffee Hour – Peace Church is looking for volunteers to assist with Summer Coffee Hour which will be held outside on the lawn and gazebo after each service, weather permitting. 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

Peace Needs YOU! We are looking for volunteers to **USHER** during 8:00 and 9:30 services. Peace is also looking for members to serve on the Consistory in **Deacon** and **Trustee** positions. Contact the church office if you are interested in any of these roles.

Altar Flowers – Peace Church has resumed taking altar flower orders. If you would like to honor a person or special event by purchasing the altar flowers for a particular Sunday, please send a check for \$20.00 to Peace Church along with the date and reason (e.g.: in memory of Jane Doe or in honor of John and Jane Doe 30th anniversary).

Decorating Committee

Peace Church is looking for two or more volunteers to help decorate the church during specific seasons of the church year or at special events, please call the church office if you would like to be part of this committee. This is not a time-consuming committee, and you can be part of making Peace Church a warm and welcoming place!

Habitat for Humanity – Peace Church Habitat for Humanity group will be working at a site in West Bend from August 16th - August 20th. Time: 9:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m. More details to follow. If you are interested contact the church office at 626-262-4011 or office@peace-ucc.org



Peace Church Brat Fry @ Piggly Wiggly

Saturday, July 10th from 9:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.

Proceeds to support the Peace Church Youth Ministry Group. If you are interested in volunteering, please contact the church office!

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 **we can expand our activities to 50% of capacity! (100 worshippers in the sanctuary, the worship leaders are in addition to that number).**

The new **CDC guidance on masks removes all restrictions for those who are vaccinated.**

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.

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.

BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES

Happy Birthday June 27 – July 3

June 27 Bonnie Clark, David Domasky (82), Gary Panzer

June 28 William Butzlaff, Darrel Nonhof (86)

June 30 William Loser, Steven Schiefelbein, Greg Vorpahl

Happy Anniversary June 27 – July 3

July 3 Karen & John Staehler (56)

VOLUNTEER CORNER

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 an ongoing thing. You can serve on a rotational basis and still make an impact. If you want to see Peace Church grow and prosper, then we encourage you to volunteer and give your time.

Here are some of the volunteer opportunities at Peace Church:

- Ushering
- Greeter
- Coffee Fellowship
- Litanist
- Church Decorating
- Working at the Brat Fry – July 10
- Working at the Pignic – August 1
- Serving on the Consistory

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.

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
Fran Charland
Judy Christensen
Markus Frank
Betty Graff
John Herbst
Jim Meinberg
Joyce Meinberg

Marilyn McIntosh
Dennis Novotny
Sandi Radeztsky
Kathy Rundquist
Michael Schmidt
Lorna Schwingle-Glass
Greg Vorpahl
Bev Winninghoff

Friends & Family:

Ezekiel
Lorrie (H. Bruenn)
Patricia Hohl
Debbie (Hallen)
Jeremy (Rodenkirch)

Alan Kuehl (J. Manthei)
Jason Piittmann's Father
Babette Rhoads
Colin Volm

Please keep us updated. Concerns will be listed for 6 weeks.

Those Dealing with Cancer:

Members: Laurie Struck, Carol Butzlaff, Dean Roe, Jim Roe, Joan Schleif, Heidi Rodenkirch

Friends & Family:

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

Kathy Jarolimek (Henk)
Kathy (S. Augustin family)
Zannah & Kendra (Lindgren)
Sheri Theep (Van Beek)
Sue Mitchell (Rhoads)
Dennis Liepert (J. Michaels)
Sandra Senn (P. Behring)
Russell Will (Will)

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 Stolowski (Marine Corp. – Knoth grandson)

Ryan Wunsch (Army National Guard – McElhatton son-in-law)

Samuel Zemlicka-Retzlaff (Air Force)

Thank you to our Covenanted Partner in Ministry: Rev. Gretchen Martin who serves the wider church through her work with the North Carolina Organ Donor Network.

PEACE CHURCH CONTACT INFORMATION

Contact Us At: P. O. Box 433, Kewaskum, WI 53040

Church Office – Robin Mock 262-626-4011 - office@peace-ucc.org

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

Pastor Bob Blackburn, Visitation Minister 920-279-0816

Gayle Van Ess, Faith Formation Coordinator 262-339-0304

faithformation@peace-ucc.org

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

On the web @ www.peace-ucc.org Find Peace on [Facebook](#)

On YouTube at: [Peace UCC Kewaskum](#)

PIGNIC NEWS

Hello Peace UCC members & Friends,

It is not too early to begin planning your very helpful donation(s) for the 2021 PIGNIC Raffle.

Please bring YOUR item(s) to the church on or before SUNDAY July 11th.

We need donations of individual item(s) OR a basket.

BIG thanks to those who have already donated!

CONTACT: Kathy & Jerry Shoemaker 262-692-9143 <jshoemaker@wi.rr.com>

THANKS!

Below is a sample list of suggested baskets and/or raffle items.

ACCEPTABLE: Re-Gifting of unopened/undamaged container gifts.

UNACCEPTABLE: Rummage Sale Items.

Cash

Garden or Home Art

Autographed Items

Theme Baskets season, event

Child or Adult Theme Basket

Extra Large Stuffed Animals

Sport theme basket

Food Basket

Packer, Brewer, Bucks, Badger items

Holiday basket

Bikes, Scooters, Skates

Tools

Handmade Items - Wood, Ceramic, Cloth

Toys

Hunting - Fishing gear/supplies

Certificates: Golf, Eat, Entertainment, Other Tickets to events - Attractions

Gift Card: Gas, Store, credit, Spa

Electronic equip. or games

Bird house, feeder, seed

Chocolate or Food Baskets

Cosmetic Baskets

Pet items/supplies

Sweatshirt, Hat, T-Shirt

Harley theme basket

Scarves, Hats, Mittens etc.

Quilted, Crochet, Cross Stitch

Car supplies

Make-Up Beauty items

Cleaning supplies

Coolers Picnic Supplies

Basket of a Company's Products

PIGNIC BUCKET RAFFLE ITEMS DONATED

Place YOUR donated item(s) for our 2021 PIGNIC in the choir room across from the church office. (2nd floor)

Kathy & Jerry Shoemaker jshoemaker@wi.rr.com 262-692-9143.

Donor: _____ **Phone:** _____

Please PRINT Item(s) or Service(s) **Value (Optional)**

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