

Sunday Worship

August 9, 2020

Order of Worship



Gathering Music

Down by the Riverside
Greg Jarrell, saxophone; J Kevin Gray, piano

Welcome to Worship

Rev. Dennis Foust, Ph.D.

Call to Worship

by Jennifer Watts

Sorrell Family

One: We come together; our hearts wide open with love.

All: **We come ready to nourish our spirits and renew our commitment to peace.**

One: We come together as peace bearers and peacemakers.

All: **May we bear peace in our hearts and be peacemakers in our communities.**

One: Come let us celebrate God's presence among us, an unending source of peace and compassion.

All: **Praise be to God, who calls us to pursue peace for the benefit of all creation.**

Prayer for Peace

Rev. Allison Benfield

Hymn of Praise 668

For the Healing of the Nations

CWM RHONDDA

For the healing of the nations, God, we pray with one accord;
for a just and equal sharing of the things that earth affords;
to a life of love in action help us rise and pledge our word, (pledge our word)
help us rise and pledge our word.

Lead us forward into freedom; from despair your world release,
that, redeemed from war and hatred, all may come and go in peace.
Show us how through care and goodness fear will die and hope increase, (hope increase)
fear will die and hope increase.

All that kills abundant living, let it from the earth be banned;
pride of status, race, or schooling, dogmas that obscure your plan.
In our common quest for justice may we hallow life's brief span, (life's brief span)
may we hallow life's brief span.

You, Creator God, have written your great name on humankind;
for our growing in your likeness bring the life of Christ to mind,
that by our response and service earth its destiny may find, (may find)
earth its destiny may find.

Scripture Reading

Jane Winn

Matthew 5:1-2, 9

“When Jesus saw the crowds, he went up the mountain; and after he sat down, his disciples came to him. Then he began to speak, and taught them, saying: Blessed are the peace makers for they will be called children of God.”

Song of Response

The Kingdom of God

The Kingdom of God is justice and peace and joy in the Holy Spirit.
Come, Lord and open in us the gates of your kingdom.

Prayers of the Church

Rev. Nate Dove

The 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 debts, as we forgive our debtors.
And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil:
For Thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever. Amen.

Remember in Prayer

Polly Hull, Gene & Carol Poole, Elma Thomas,
Paislee, Alison Zieglmeier (daughter of Ken and Donna Scott),
Barbara Ledford, Elizabeth Laney

The family of Helen Moore following her passing on August 3rd.

Reflections on Peace

J Kevin Gray

Where do we begin on the pathway to peace?

We experience the peace of God in Christ.

When our hearts become that of Christ, we become peace to the rest of the world.

Even now as believers you are God's peace regardless of your flaws, the Holy Spirit is at work in you, listen and be that which you are, God's Holy Peace.

Offertory

Bring to Them Life

J Kevin Gray

*I was struggling trying to find a purpose greater than myself.
All around me I heard voices screaming loudly that the world was tumbling down.
What could one more voice add to a singing chorus, knowing full and well I want to do good.*

*Looking round as the tears came streaming down, Lord, I cried let me hear your voice.
Here and now I've made my choice. Give me more than words to say,
and God said, "Be the light shining in the darkest night,
take my spirit to the ones who have suffered hurt and loss.
Be the peace that sets the captives free, bring an end to war and strife, bring to them life."*

Message

"For Peace Sake"

Rev. Dennis Foust, Ph.D.

Hymn of Peace 677

Let There Be Peace on Earth
Congregation will join with the Choir

WORLD PEACE

Let peace begin with me; let this be the moment now.
With every step I take, let this be my solemn vow:
to take each moment and live each moment in peace eternally.
Let there be peace on earth, and let it begin with me.

Commissioning the Scattered Church

Postlude

Azmon
J Noel Lance, organist

Albi Whitworth

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