Service of Worship  
September 13, 2020 10:00am  
2nd Sunday in the Season of Peace

Gathering

PRELUDE  
“Will You Let Me Be Your Servant?”  
Michael Burkhardt

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

CALL TO WORSHIP (spoken together)  
Children of God, rejoice. We are sustained by God’s presence and love.  
As we mourn the wounds of God’s children, God weeps with us.  
As we give thanks for those who have lived in faith, God gives thanks with us.  
As we struggle for justice, God struggles with us.  
As we strive for peace, God strives with us.  
As we work to build the beloved community, God works with us.  
As we offer our gifts to all, God blesses us.  
Sustained by God’s presence and love we worship God.

HYMN  623  
“I’ve Got Peace Like a River”  
PEACE LIKE A RIVER
I’ve Got Peace like a River

1. I’ve got peace like a river; I’ve got peace like a river;
   I’ve got peace, in my soul.

2. I’ve got joy like a fountain; I’ve got joy like a fountain;
   I’ve got joy, in my soul.

3. I’ve got love like an ocean; I’ve got love like an ocean;
   I’ve got love, in my soul.

In the King James Version, the promise of “peace like a river” is twice mentioned in Isaiah (48:18; 66:12) as a blessing that comes from doing God’s will. The water imagery of this African American spiritual also provides reminders of Christians’ baptismal identity.
BLESSING OF THE BACKPACKS with Stewart

PRAYER FOR PEACE OF MIND

SHARING THE PEACE OF CHRIST
One: May the peace of Christ be with you.
All: And also with you and all others!
HYMN 753
“Make Me a Channel of Your Peace”

PRAYER OF ST. FRANCIS

JUSTICE AND RECONCILIATION

753 Make Me a Channel of Your Peace

Prayer of St. Francis

1 Make me a channel of your peace. Where there is hatred, let me bring your love.
2 Make me a channel of your peace. Where there’s despair in life, let me bring hope.
3 Make me a channel of your peace. Where is injustice, your pardon, Lord, and where there’s doubt, true faith in you.
4 Make me a channel of your peace. Where there’s darkness, only light, and where there’s sadness, ever joy.

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giving of ourselves that we receive, and in
where there’s doubt, true faith in you.
where there’s sadness, ever joy.
dying that we’re born to eternal life.

1, 2, 4 (Fine)

3 O, Master, grant that I may never seek so much to be consoled as to console, to be
Jesus replied, “A man went down from Jerusalem to Jericho. He encountered thieves, who stripped him naked, beat him up, and left him near death. Now it just so happened that a priest was also going down the same road. When he saw the injured man, he crossed over to the other side of the road and went on his way. Likewise, a Levite came by that spot, saw the injured man, and crossed over to the other side of the road and went on his way. A Samaritan, who was on a journey, came to where the man was. But when he saw him, he was moved with compassion. The Samaritan went to him and bandaged his wounds, tending them with oil and wine. Then he placed the wounded man on his own donkey, took him to an inn, and took care of him. The next day, he took two full days’ worth of wages and gave them to the innkeeper. He said, ‘Take care of him, and when I return, I will pay you back for any additional costs.’ What do you think? Which one of these three was a neighbor to the man who encountered thieves?” Then the legal expert said, “The one who demonstrated mercy toward him.” Jesus told him, “Go and do likewise.”
ANTHEM

“Show Us How to Love” Music by Mark A. Miller
Chancel Ensemble — David Sutherland, soloist

Hearts open, minds awake, change us now for heaven’s sake.
Leave us not alone in hatred’s wake. Show us how to love.
Hearts open, souls awake, rules we made we now must break.
With our very own lives at stake. We must learn to love.
Eyes open, shocked awake, much to learn from our mistakes.
Draw us closer into our heartache. Show us how to love.
(Text by Lindy Thompson)

SERMON

“Peace in Relationships” Rev. Sue Trigger

Sending

A CALL TO STEWARDSHIP

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE
He Came Down

He came down that we may have love; he
came down that we may have love; he came down that we may
have love; hallelujah forevermore.

Additional stanzas:
... that we may have light
... that we may have peace
... that we may have joy

Because this traditional Cameroonian piece begins with the refrain, it does not initially reveal that it is cast as a call-and-response song. Assigning the answers to the congregation rather than to the leader is a notable affirmation of the corporate wisdom of God’s people.
CHARGE & BENEDICTION

“Go Now in Peace”
by Natalie Sleeth
Go now in peace, go now in peace
may the love of God surround you
ev'rywhere, ev'rywhere you may go.

POSTLUDE

“All Glory Be to God on High”

James D. Kimball

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