



GRACE COVENANT PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
Service of Worship October 4, 2020 10:00am
Peace & Global Witness Sunday/World Communion Sunday

Gathering

PRELUDE "Upon Thy Table, Lord" arr. Dale Wood

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

CALL TO WORSHIP *(spoken together)*

**We gather from the west to the east, from the south to the north,
to celebrate the God of peace who accompanies us in our acts of peace.
This God of peace accompanies us in each and every circumstance around us.
We praise God's name! Amen!**

HYMN 373 "O Day of Peace" JERUSALEM

373 O Day of Peace



1 O day of peace that dim - ly shines through all our
 2 Then shall the wolf dwell with the lamb, nor shall the



hopes and prayers and dreams, guide us to jus - tice, truth, and
 fierce de - vour the small; as beasts and cat - tle calm - ly



love, de - liv - ered from our self - ish schemes. May swords of hate
 graze, a lit - tle child shall lead them all. Then en - e - mies



fall from our hands, our hearts from en - vy find re - lease, till by God's
 shall learn to love, all crea - tures find their true ac - cord; the hope of



grace our war - ring world shall see Christ's prom - ised reign of peace.
 peace shall be ful - filled, for all the earth shall know the Lord.

Guitar chords do not correspond with keyboard harmony.

This text on peace was created to offer non-nationalistic words for a popular British tune. The first stanza depicts *pax*, a mode of peace focused on ending conflict, and the second (based on Isaiah 11:6-9) describes *shalom*, the condition of living in harmony and mutual good will.

TEXT: Carl P. Daw Jr., 1982

MUSIC: C. Hubert H. Parry, 1916; harm. Charles H. Webb, 1987

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JERUSALEM

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A TIME WITH STEWART

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Gracious Lord, creator of this universe, in your generosity you have given us a world of abundance and diversity, yet we live guided by greed and selfishness. We confess that we have defaced your creation and poisoned our environment through our consumerist behavior and for personal gain.

In Christ, you made us brothers and sisters and intended for us to be united, and yet we have built walls to separate us from those who are different from us. You gave us wisdom and creativity and we have used those to trick each other and to develop weapons of destruction and death.

You gave us laws to order our lives and we have abused them to take revenge and punish our enemies.

We love war rather than strive for peace.

We ignore the poor and the weak and honored the rich and powerful.

In all this we have not lived according to your will.

Forgive us, Lord, for daring to boast in our human achievements and for failing to recognize that you alone are worthy of praise.

In your mercy, forgive us our sins.

ASSURANCE OF GOD'S LOVE & SHARING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

One: May the peace of Christ be with you.

All: And also with you and all others!

HYMN 701, *sung twice*

"Lord, Prepare Me"

SANCTUARY

Lord, Prepare Me

701

Sanctuary

Lord, pre - pare me to be a sanc - tu - ar - y, pure and
 ho - ly, tried and true. With thanks - giv - ing,
 I'll be a liv - ing sanc - tu - ar - y for you.

The lines given here convey the central message of the longer song for which they form the refrain. The principal Scripture reference is 1 Corinthians 3:16–17, Paul's reminder to the Christians at Corinth that "[they] are God's temple and that God's Spirit dwells in [them]."

TEXT: John Thompson and Randy Scruggs, 1982

MUSIC: John Thompson and Randy Scruggs, 1982; arr. Nylea L. Butler-Moore

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GOSPEL LESSON

Matthew 21:33-46

(Common English Bible)

"Listen to another parable. There was a landowner who planted a vineyard. He put a fence around it, dug a winepress in it, and built a tower. Then he rented it to tenant farmers and took a trip. When it was time for harvest, he sent his servants to the tenant farmers to collect his fruit. But the tenant farmers grabbed his servants. They beat some of them, and some of them they killed. Some of them they stoned to death.

"Again he sent other servants, more than the first group. They treated them in the same way. Finally he sent his son to them. 'They will respect my son,' he said.

"But when the tenant farmers saw the son, they said to each other, 'This is the heir. Come on, let's kill him and we'll have his inheritance.' They grabbed him, threw him out of the vineyard, and killed him.

"When the owner of the vineyard comes, what will he do to those tenant farmers?"

They said, "He will totally destroy those wicked farmers and rent the vineyard to other tenant farmers who will give him the fruit when it's ready."

Jesus said to them, "Haven't you ever read in the scriptures, *The stone that the builders rejected has become the cornerstone. The Lord has done this, and it's amazing*

in our eyes? Therefore, I tell you that God’s kingdom will be taken away from you and will be given to a people who produce its fruit. Whoever falls on this stone will be crushed. And the stone will crush the person it falls on.”

Now when the chief priests and the Pharisees heard the parable, they knew Jesus was talking about them. They were trying to arrest him, but they feared the crowds, who thought he was a prophet.

ANTHEM “Let Us Talents and Tongues Employ” arr. Bradley Ellingboe

Chancel Singers I — Bob Dover, flute

Liz Chandler, Cindy Schendel, Sue Trigger, Connie Richards,
Gene Wilson, Mitch Trigger, and Joe Hoffman

*Let us talents and tongues employ, reaching out with a shout of joy:
bread is broken, the wine is poured, Christ is spoken and seen and heard
Jesus lives again earth can breathe again, pass the word around: loaves abound!
Christ is able to make us one, at the table he sets the tone.
Teaching people to live to bless, love in word and in deed express.
Jesus lives again earth can breathe again, pass the word around: loaves abound!
Jesus call us in, sends us out bearing fruit in a world of doubt,
gives us love to tell, bread to share: God (Immanuel) ev’rywhere!
Jesus lives again earth can breathe again, pass the word around: loaves abound!*

SERMON “Peace for All People” Revs. Sue & Mitch Trigger

Sending

A CALL TO STEWARDSHIP

A STEWART-SHIP MOMENT

THE SACRAMENT OF THE LORD’S SUPPER

THE LIFE OF THE NATIONS

340 This Is My Song

1 This is my song, O God of all the na - tions,
 2 My coun - try's skies are blu - er than the o - cean,
 3 This is my prayer, O Lord of all earth's king - doms:

a song of peace for lands a - far and mine.
 and sun - light beams on clo - ver - leaf and pine.
 thy king - dom come; on earth thy will be done.

This is my home, the coun - try where my heart is;
 But oth - er lands have sun - light too, and clo - ver,
 Let Christ be lift - ed up till all shall serve him,

here are my hopes, my dreams, my ho - ly shrine;
 and skies are ev - ery - where as blue as mine.
 and hearts u - nit - ed learn to live as one.

The first two stanzas of this hymn were written between the 20th century's two world wars and focus on the theme of international peace. The third stanza, by another author and added later, uses the language of the Lord's Prayer to voice a distinctly Christian perspective.

TEXT: Stanzas 1-2, Lloyd Stone; stanza 3, Georgia Harkness, alt.
 MUSIC: Jean Sibelius, 1899; arr. *The Hymnal*, 1933, alt.

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but oth - er hearts in oth - er lands are beat - ing
 So hear my song, O God of all the na - tions,
 So hear my prayer, O God of all the na - tions:

with hopes and dreams as true and high as mine.
 a song of peace for their land and for mine.
 my - self I give thee; let thy will be done.

CHARGE & BENEDICTION

SUNG BENEDICTION

arr. John Bell & Marty Haugen

“La Paz de la Tierra/ The Peace of the Earth”

Chancel Singers II

Cindy Schendel & Barbara Douglas, soloists

Pam Kelly, Susan Hayden, Laura Farris,

Jim Kelly, Gene Wilson, and Joe Hoffman

(Spanish) *La paz de la tierra esté contigo, la paz de los cielos también.*

La paz de los ríos esté contigo, la paz de los mares también.

La paz profunda cayendo sobre ti. La paz profunda creciendo en ti.

(English) *The peace of the earth be with you, the peace of the heavens, too.*

The peace of the rivers be with you, the peace of the oceans, too:

deep peace falling over you. God’s peace growing in you.

GOD’S PEACE TO YOU

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