

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

A NEW HEAVEN AND A NEW EARTH



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.

JERUSALEM LMD

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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

DEDICATION AND STEWARDSHIP

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Irregular



TEXT: John Thompson and Randy Scruggs, 1982

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Equipping

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

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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

I "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"

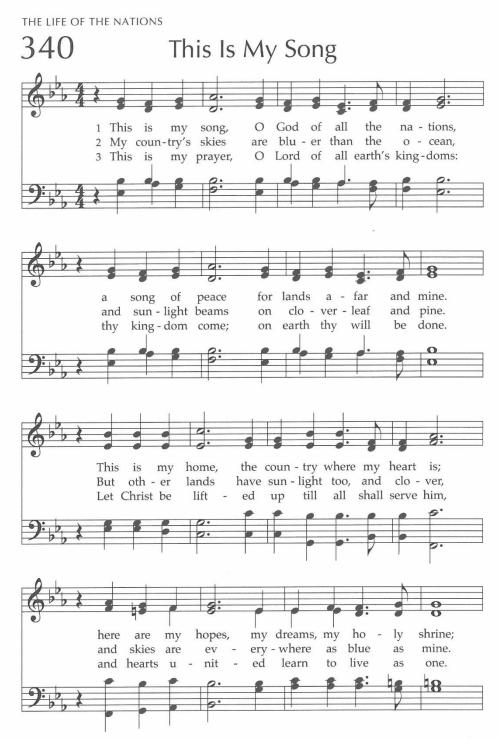
Revs. Sue & Mitch Trigger

Sending

A CALL TO STEWARDSHIP

A STEWART-SHIP MOMENT

THE SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

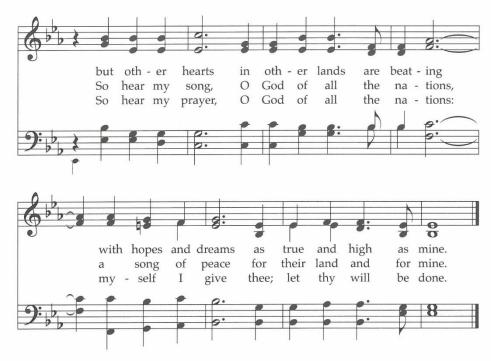


The first two stanzas of this hymn were written between the 20th century's two world wars and focus on the theme of international peace. The third stanza, by another author and added later, uses the language of the Lord's Prayer to voice a distinctly Christian perspective.

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THE LIFE OF THE NATIONS



CHARGE & BENEDICTION

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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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