



Sunday Worship
May 29, 2022
Draw near to God
for God is waiting for you.

* indicates where the congregation is to stand if able
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PRELUDE

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

We gather together in the name of the One who bids us come.
We gather together to hear the words of the One who is Love.
We gather together to sing praises of the One who teaches peace.
Come, let us worship!

***OPENING PRAYER**

Mighty God, who speaks a word of peace to calm our lives; Caring God, who nudges us away from fear and toward faith; Ever-present God, who fills us with awe but also raises many questions without easy answers; Open our eyes to see you in our presence—today. Strengthen our hearts for the challenges that lie ahead. Open our ears this hour to hear the word you speak. This we pray, in Jesus' name. Amen

***HYMN #331** God of the Ages, Whose Almighty Hand

1. God of the ages, whose almighty hand leads forth in beauty all the starry band of shining worlds in splendor through the skies, our grateful songs before thy throne arise.
2. Thy love divine hath led us in the past. In this free land by thee our lot is cast.
Be thou our ruler, guardian, guide, and stay: thy word our law, thy paths our chosen way.
3. From war's alarms, from deadly pestilence, be thy strong arm our ever sure defense.
Thy true religion in our hearts increase. Thy bounteous goodness nourish us in peace.
4. Refresh thy people on their toilsome way. Lead us from night to never-ending day.
Fill all our lives with love and grace divine, and glory, laud, and praise be ever thine.

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

O God of peace, you know us from before we were formed in our mother's womb. Forgive us when we only have good intentions and do not commit ourselves to concrete action for peace and justice.
O God of justice, you judge our human race with mercy. Forgive us when we allow your image in us to be marred as we remain passive in face of so much violence and exclusion.
O God of love, you have created humankind to be one great family. Forgive our inability to be reconciled with others, both our dear ones and our enemies.
O God of life, you have placed us on this earth to tend and watch over it. Forgive us when we have failed to care for your world, to protect nature, the home you have given us, the home of our ancestors and of our descendants. Help us to promote life and seek peace. Amen.

WORDS OF ASSURANCE AND BLESSING

... Remember the good news and say it aloud: **Jesus died for me. Jesus forgives me. Jesus loves me. Jesus is good to me. Amen.**

***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.

FIRST SCRIPTURE LESSON Colossians 3:12-17

TIME WITH THE CHILDREN

***HYMN #753** Make Me a Channel of Your Peace

1. Make me a channel of your peace. Where there is hatred, let me bring your love.
Where there is injury, your pardon, Lord, and where there's doubt, true faith in you.

2. Make me a channel of your peace. Where there's despair in life, let me bring hope.
Where there is darkness, only light, and where there's sadness, ever joy.

3. O, Master, grant that I may never seek so much to be consoled as to console,
to be understood as to understand, to be loved as to love with all my soul.

4. Make me a channel of your peace. It is in pardoning that we are pardoned,
in giving of ourselves that we receive, and in dying that we're born to eternal life.

GOSPEL LESSON Matthew 5:1-10

SERMON Can There Be Peace?

SONG Let There Be Peace on Earth

Let there be peace on earth and let it begin with me
Let there be peace on earth, the peace that was meant to be.
With God as our Father, we are family.
Let us walk with each other in perfect harmony.

Let peace begin with me, let this be the moment now.
With ev'ry 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.

RECOGNITION OF THE OFFERING

***DOXOLOGY**

Praise God from whom all blessings flow. Praise him, all creatures here below. Praise him above, ye heavenly hosts. Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

You bless us in so many ways and with so many gifts, Loving God. As we praise you, may we offer our gifts so those who have so little may be fed, clothed, healed, restored, and graced. In Jesus' name, we pray. Amen.

JOYS AND CONCERNS

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

The response to our petitions is, Jesus, Prince of Peace, hear our 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.

***HYMN #765** May the God of Hope Go With Us

1. May the God of hope go with us everyday, filling all our lives with love and joy and peace. May the God of justice speed us on our way, bringing light and hope to every land and race. Praying, let us work for peace; singing, share our joy with all; working for a world that's new, faithful when we hear Christ's call.

***BENEDICTION**

Jesus taught us, "Blessed are the peacemakers." May God grant you the vision, strength, and courage to proclaim God's message of peace whether welcome or unwelcome, for the sake of God's beloved children. May almighty God bless you, the Father, and the Son, and the Holy Spirit. Amen.

POSTLUDE

ANNOUNCEMENTS: May 29, 2022

This week's carillon is in memory of Earl T Daniels.

CHURCH CLEAN-UP DAY: Mark your calendar for 9:00, Saturday, June 25. Bring dust rags and other cleaning rags/sponges. Especially useful are Mr. Clean Magic Erasers.

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL SIGN UP: VBS will be held on June 27 – July 1 for preschool – 6th graders. Online registration is available at <http://vbspro.events/p/c805d3>.

STRAWBERRY FESTIVAL – June 10, 2022 at 6:00 PM -

There will be hot dogs, baked beans, vegetables and of course, STRAWBERRY SHORTCAKE! If you would like to help with preparing the berries Friday morning, please contact Susan in the church office.

YOUTH GROUP: Summer Soaker Sunday June 5, 6:30pm – 8:00pm. at Missi Dell'Orefice's home. Wear a bathing suit and bring a towel.

BOXES NEEDED: We need empty medium and large boxes. Please drop off at church anytime within the next 2 weeks. Thank you.

Calendar: **May 29** 10:00am Worship Service followed by Coffee and Fellowship.
May 30 **Memorial Day** offices closed.
June 1 12:00pm Lunch group followed by the blanket-making group

Elder of the Month: Bill Wark Deacon of the Month: Dee Tori Coffee Host: Carol Eckmeder

In our thoughts and prayers:

The Conner/Lang Family, Aleena Lang, Bill Wark, Raymond Tinari, and Jim Turner



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