

We Respond to the Word

Offertory

God of peace, justice and love, we praise and thank you for your goodness to us. We are grateful that we have the opportunity to know your peace that passes all understanding, and to share that with others through our words, our prayers, our actions, and our resources. Let these offerings make a place for the Holy Spirit to dwell and bring peace to all people. In Jesus' name, Amen.

Pastoral Prayer and the Lord's Prayer

Closing Song

Let There Be Peace on Earth

We Are Sent Out to the World

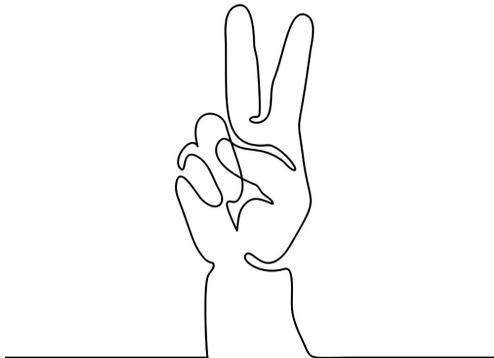
Benediction

Leader: And let all God's people say...

People: Alleluia! Amen!

Response

Dream Statement



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We Gather

Welcome

First Reading: *The Peace of Wild Things* by Wendell Berry

When despair for the world grows in me
and I wake in the night at the least sound
in fear of what my life and my children's lives may be,
I go and lie down where the wood drake
rests in his beauty on the water, and the great heron feeds.
I come into the peace of wild things
who do not tax their lives with forethought
of grief. I come into the presence of still water.
And I feel above me the day-blind stars
waiting with their light. For a time
I rest in the grace of the world, and am free.

Setting intentions for peace. What intention will you set for peace – in your own heart, in your own home, in your community, in the world?

Silence is kept

Call to Worship

Leader: Those who love Christ will make their home with God. And God will dwell with them.

People: Those who seek Jesus will seek his peace.

Leader: Jesus speaks to us, so that we may be taught the ways of peace.

People: Those who know Jesus will know his peace.

Leader: Jesus calls us to receive his peace, a peace that the world cannot give.

People: Those who follow Jesus will share his peace.

Leader: Come, worship God, who lives among us, loves us, and calls us home. Come worship the God whose peace passes all understanding.

All: Alleluia! Let us worship God!

Opening Song

God is Here

We Prepare our Hearts

Prayer of Confession

God of peace, you know how easy it is for us to stay tethered to our darkness and fear. We get bound up by chains of mistrust. We dare not to hope, because so many times we have been disappointed. So we sit here and wonder where you are. We fail to live fully, because of our fear. Come to us in our darkness and unrest, O God! Forgive our stubborn resistance to your mercy and your love. We ask this in Jesus' name.

Silence is kept

Assurance of Pardon

Leader: Friends, hear this good news. The light of God's eternal love is shining for you. Feel the healing presence of God in your lives. Accept God's love and hope for you. This is the gift freely given for you by Jesus Christ, God's risen Son our Lord.

People: In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven! Thanks be to God! Amen.

Response

Glory to God

Sharing the Peace

Leader: The peace of Christ be with you.

People: And also with you.

Response

Peace Song

We Receive the Word

Children's Message

Scripture

John 14:23-29

Sermon

To Dwell in Peace