



November 5th, 2023 9:30 a.m.

Peace Sunday

Being Faithful in Grace

Prelude

Annie Schulz

Gathering Thoughts

Robert Dell

Lighting the Christ Candle

Call to Worship & Prayer

Leader: A voice speaks to us in our dreams, beckoning, warning,

**People: are we talking with ourselves,
or is God speaking to us?**

Leader: We are children of God;

People: called to praise, and to bless, and to show mercy.

Leader: We are citizens of a nation;

**People: called to care, and to respond,
and to share our freedom.**

Leader: We are members of a community:

called to know each other, and to accept each other,
and to welcome all.

**People: We join together to sing praises
of the One who teaches peace.**

All: Come, let us worship!

Hymn

For the healing of the nations

HWB #367

Passing of the Peace

Offertory Prayer

Musical Reflection

Sweet Hour of Prayer

Prayers of the People

Robert Dell

Hymn

Let There be Peace on Earth

Back of Bulletin

Scripture Reading

Isaiah 2:1-5 (OT p.630)

Grace Singers

Beauty for brokenness

Scripture Reading

Romans 12:9-21 (NT p.162)

Meditation "Walking the Path of Peace" Darrell Winger
Hymn of Response *We are people of God's peace*
HWB #407, vv.1,2
Benediction (Congregation please stand) Darrell Winger
Sending Hymn *We are people of God's peace* HWB #407, v.3
Postlude

It is good to be together in worship this morning!
The ushers are pleased to help any who need assistance.

[Offering plate is available on table at back of sanctuary]

GRACE NOTES & ANNOUNCEMENTS

Sunday October 29th, 2023 ~ Attendance – 39

The budget offering for October was \$12,200.00

Sunday, November 12th ~ Speaker: Mac Plunkett

Scripture Texts (Focus texts highlighted): Joshua 24:1-3a, 14-25;
Psalm 78:1-7; 1 Thessalonians 4:13-18; **Matthew 24:45-51;**
Matthew 25:1-13

Coffee Time after the worship service

Wednesday November 8th 10 a.m. ~ Preaching Team

Wednesday November 15th ~ Worship Leaders at 9:30 a.m.
Worship Committee at 10:30 a.m.
Church Council at 1:30 p.m.

Sunday November 26th ~ Memorial Sunday

♪ **Women's Chorus** ~ November 16, 30, at 9:30 a.m.

Coffee Times at Grace ~ November 12, 26 - Please sign up on the bulletin board in the foyer if you'd like to contribute baked goods.

Please check the Community Bulletin Board for upcoming events.

Chaplain's Corner ~ Wise words from two Pastors!

"Violence begets violence; hate begets hate; and toughness begets a greater toughness. It is all a descending spiral, and the end is destruction – for everybody. Along the way of life, someone must have enough sense and morality to cut off the chain of hate." – Martin Luther King Jr.

"Evil, even in the darkest moments, is impotent before the miracle of human kindness. This miracle defies prejudices and hatreds. It crosses cultures and religions. It lies at the core of faith." – Chris Hedges, "How Kindness Saved My Life"

Community Chaplain - Jan Steven

... NOT JUST FOR EGGHEADS...

Have you ever asked yourself, "Why is there so much violence in the Bible?" or "Why does God seem to answer some prayers but not others?" We make room for questions like these in the adult Sunday School class. We start by looking for clues in each week's sermon. We read a book that has wisdom and insight to share.

Right now we are starting to read THE BIBLE UNWRAPPED: MAKING SENSE OF SCRIPTURE TODAY. The author, Meghan Good, uses fresh language and vivid examples to make the big themes of the Bible accessible to us. We join her in retrieving ancient stories so they are relevant to life today.

Our congregation does not have any other setting where we sit down together, week after week, to apply the Bible to the world we live in. This is your opportunity to help fill in a gap in our congregational life.

Finally, this group is not just for eggheads but for everyone who wants to grow in the Christian life.

JOIN US TODAY AFTER CHURCH - or should I say, as an extension of 'church' - IN THE ASSISTANT PASTOR'S OFFICE, up the stairs at the back of the church hall.

Facilitator – John Rempel

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, all one 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.

The Lord's 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 trespasses,

as we forgive those that trespass against us.

And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.

For thine is the kingdom, the power, and the glory.

For ever and ever. Amen.

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