

**Community Prayer Service for Peace  
on the First Anniversary of the War in Ukraine  
Friday, February 24, 2023 ~ ~ 7:00 p.m.  
Shepherd of the Hills Lutheran Church  
Montpelier, Vermont**

**Welcome**

**Gathering Music**

*We Fall Down*  
*The Gift of Love*  
Denise Ricker, flute, Arthur Zorn, piano

arr. Lloyd Larson  
arr. Joel Raney

**Peace Individually**

Rev. Frederick Neu

**Scripture**

Ecclesiastes 3:1-8

For everything there is a season, and a time for every matter under heaven:

a time to be born, and a time to die;  
a time to plant, and a time to pluck up what is planted;  
a time to kill, and a time to heal;  
a time to break down, and a time to build up;  
a time to weep, and a time to laugh;  
a time to mourn, and a time to dance;  
a time to throw away stones, and a time to gather stones together;  
a time to embrace, and a time to refrain from embracing;  
a time to seek, and a time to lose;  
a time to keep, and a time to throw away;  
a time to tear, and a time to sew;  
a time to keep silence, and a time to speak;  
a time to love, and a time to hate;  
a time for war, and a time for peace.

**Reflection**

**Prayer**

Pray for the wisdom to see the changing of the seasons.  
Pray for the wisdom to know how to bring peace in our own lives.

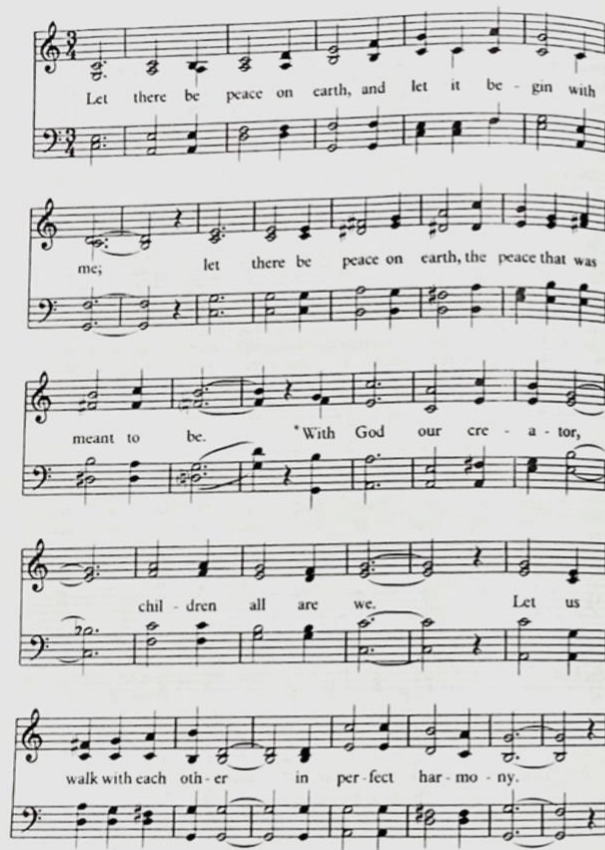
**Hymn**

*Let There Be Peace on Earth*

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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 our creator, children all are we.  
Let us walk with each other in perfect harmony.  
Let peace begin with me; let this be the moment now.  
With every 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.

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Let there be peace on earth, and let it be - gin with  
me; let there be peace on earth, the peace that was  
meant to be. \*With God our cre - a - tor,  
chil - dren all are we. Let us  
walk with each oth - er in per - fect har - mo - ny.

\*Original words: With God as our Father, brothers all are we. Let me walk with my brother in perfect harmony.

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## Peace in the Community

Theresa Lever

### Scripture Colossians 3:12-15

As God's chosen ones, holy and beloved, clothe yourselves with compassion, kindness, humility, meekness, and patience. Bear with one another and, if anyone has a complaint against another, forgive each other; just as the Lord has forgiven you, so you also must forgive. Above all, clothe yourselves with love, which binds everything together in perfect harmony. And let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, to which indeed you were called in the one body. And be thankful.

### Reflection

#### Prayer

Pray to recognize the blessings in diversity.

Pray to live in harmony with one another, practicing patience, gentleness and forgiveness.

### Anthem

*On Eagle's Wings*

arr. Mark Hayes

# Peace in Our Nation

Rev. Rosaire Bisson

## Scripture

2 Chronicles 7:14

"... and My people who are called by My Name humble themselves and pray and seek My face and turn from their wicked ways, then I will hear from heaven, will forgive their sin and will heal their land."

## Reflection

### Prayer

Let's pray to seek our Father's face and to confess our sins.

## Hymn

### Amazing Grace, How Sweet the Sound

1 A - maz - ing grace! — how sweet the sound — that  
2 'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear, and  
3 Through man - y dan - gers, toils, and snares I  
4 The Lord has prom - ised good to me; his  
5 When we've been there ten thou - sand years, bright

saved a wretch like me! I once was lost, but  
grace my fears re - lieved; how pre - cious did that  
have al - read - y come; 'tis grace has brought me  
word my hope se - cures; he will my shield and  
shin - ing as the sun, we've no less days to

now am found; was blind, but now I see.  
grace ap - pear; the hour I first be - lieved!  
safe thus far, and grace will lead me home.  
por - tion be as long as life en - dures.  
sing God's praise than when we'd first be - gun.

**Peace in the World**

Rev. David Vanderlinde-Abernathy

**Scripture**

Romans 12:9-21

Let love be genuine; hate what is evil, hold fast to what is good; love one another with mutual affection; outdo one another in showing honor. Do not lag in zeal, be ardent in spirit, serve the Lord. Rejoice in hope, be patient in suffering, persevere in prayer. Contribute to the needs of the saints, extend hospitality to strangers. Bless those who persecute you, bless and do not curse them. Rejoice with those who rejoice, weep with those who weep. Live in harmony with one another; do not be haughty, but associate with the lowly, do not claim to be wiser than you are. Do not repay anyone evil for evil; but take thought for what is noble in the sight of all. If possible, on your part, live at peace with all. Beloved, never avenge yourselves, but leave for the wrath of God; for it is written, "Vengeance is mine, I will repay, says the Lord." Rather, "if your enemies are hungry, feed them; if they are thirsty, give them something to drink; by doing this you will heap burning coals on their heads." Do not be overcome by evil, but overcome evil with good.

**Reflection**

**Prayer**

Prayer for world leaders and decision makers pursuing peace.  
Pray for the misfits of the world in their efforts to make a difference in the cause of peace.  
Pray for those who confound, bewilder us, our enemies.

**Anthem**

*If We Only Have Love*

arr. Mac Huff

**Closing Prayer**

**Anthem**

*Pie Jesu*

Greg Gilpin

**Benediction and Sending**

**Sending Music**

*How Great Is Our God*  
Denise Ricker, flute, Arthur Zorn, piano

arr. Lloyd Larson

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Tonight's free-will offering is for World Central Kitchen's work in Ukraine. World Central Kitchen is an international non-profit organization that is first to the frontlines, providing meals in response to humanitarian, climate, and community crises. <https://wck.org>