

**October 29, 2023**

*As he approached Jerusalem and saw the city, he wept over it and said, "If you, even you, had only known on this day what would bring you peace—but now it is hidden from your eyes. Luke 19:41-42*

**Worship 9:30am**

**Fellowship 10:30am**

**Faith Formation for all ages 10:50am**

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**WE GATHER TO WORSHIP**

PRELUDE

Karla Leuenberg, pianist

WELCOME

Steve Friesen, worship leader

**\*CALL TO WORSHIP\*\***

L: We gather today, learners, teachers, seekers all.

**C: We gather because sometimes we feel crushed by daily headlines of discord and unspeakable suffering. Ignorance and violence dominate the world, and even permeate the Land we have called Holy.**

L: We gather to lament: How might we, as small as we are, create change?  
How might we advance God's Kingdom?

**C: We gather because we need one another for support, to contemplate events and situations that offer no easy answers, and because we need to share in feelings of helplessness and confusion with people we trust, and in God's presence.**

L: We gather because we don't know what to do first.

**C: We gather because we are weak, distrustful, forgetful, and we need to remind one another that with God all things are possible. We cannot know God's timeframe, but in community we can bear it together, and even find occasion for rejoicing. We gather for perspective and peace in our hearts, if not in our world. We gather together to pray.**

**\*HYMN VT 204**

*Praise to the Living God*

## **WE LISTEN AND LEARN**

MOMENT OF WONDER

Doug Alpert

SCRIPTURE

TEACHING

Ruth Harder and Doug Alpert

ANTHEM

*Worldwide Peace*

Ramsey, arr. RPK

## **WE RESPOND AND SHARE**

SHARING JOY

*We welcome the introduction of guests and visitors during this time. One way we get to know one another is by signing the friendship registers. Once the register reaches the center aisle, please pass it back to the outer aisle.*

*As we share our joys and concerns, please be mindful of those gathered remotely.*

SHARING CONCERNS

PRAYING TOGETHER

VT 795 *Kyrie eleison*

*Slips of paper are available in the pew racks for those who wish to offer joys and concerns silently and anonymously. These papers, if put in the offering plate, will be placed in the prayer bowl table at the front of the sanctuary.*

OFFERING

ANNOUNCEMENTS

## **WE GO INTO THE WORLD WITH LOVE**

\*HYMN VT 190

*The God of Sarah Praise*

\*SENDING FORTH

\*POSTLUDE

\*You are invited to stand

\*\*By Rainbow member, Debra Sapp-Yarwood

Text of Worldwide Peace, text by William Ramsey, arr by Rosi Penner Kaufman

Dear heav'nly Father wouldst Thou dain to hear,  
Rush an order this warfare to cease.  
O grant, gracious God, the ushering in  
Of the dawning of worldwide peace.

(Refrain) O peace  
Sweet dove of peace, let your wide wings encircle our globe.  
O Lord, how we pray and we hope ev-ry day  
For the dawning of worldwide peace.

Save from the slaughter of bloodthirsty rulers  
Our fathers, mothers, daughters and our sons.  
O grant that sweet rivers of peace may soon flow  
Where blood of our own now runs. (Refrain)

Grant that all nations may ground arms of warfare  
And turn toward the great Prince of Peace.  
Relying on Him to preserve and protect  
Then warfare and strife will cease. (Refrain)

Beating their weapons of war into plowshares  
And sowing the battlefields with wheat,  
Feeding the hungry of all of the nations  
And living at last in peace. (Refrain)

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