

Today, today, today, Bless us and help us to grow! – a Jewish prayer

We must be prepared to make heroic sacrifices for the cause of peace that we make ungrudgingly for the cause of war. There is no task that is more important or closer to my heart. – Albert Einstein

** Please stand in body and/or spirit as you are able

LET US GATHER

PRELUDE *Peace With God* *G.Parker*
WELCOME to ALL!

*No matter who you are or where you are on your life’s journey,
you are welcome here.*

ANNOUNCEMENTS

INTROIT *Peace Round* *insert*

CALL TO WORSHIP (inspired by a prayer of Inayat Khan)

L: God of past, present and future, today we take time to remember, to learn and to grow.

P: **To remember that if there is to be peace in the world, it must first begin in our hearts; to remember to let go of expectations and to be open to the flow of your grace**

L: We give thanks, Source of Light, Love, and Compassion, for the gifts of all who serve our family, our communities, our country.

P: **We pray that we may use our gifts wisely, to be our best selves in whatever we do. May all our thoughts, actions, and words serve to bring harmony and unity to this world.**

LET US PREPARE

PEACE CANDLE *Veteran’s stories* *Jim Rothnie & Margaret Hawthorn*

***HYMN** *Simple Gifts* *insert*

UNISON INVOCATION AND LORD’S PRAYER (trespasses)

God of Justice and Mercy, you have placed in our hearts a passion for peace. We recognize that the world is not without sadness, evils, conflicts, and things which ought not to be. Yet we have faith that by remaining open to your presence and grace in our lives we can help bring light into darkness. We recognize that all life is a gift; may these words Jesus taught his disciples give us the courage to meet with grace the challenges we face, “Our Father...”

LET US LISTEN

READING *I Corinthians 12:4-13*
The Sacred Journey by Frederick Buechner

HYMN *Won’t You Let Me Be Your Servant* *B539*

REFLECTION *Gifts of Memory*

ANTHEM *Where Peace Has Always Been* *M.J.Trotta*

You are invited into a moment of silence for personal reflection.

LET US RESPOND

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE: Joys and Concerns *B283*
Spirit of the living God fall afresh on me. Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me. Melt me, mold me, fill me, use me. Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me.

L: Let the people say ...

P: **Amen and Amen.**

OFFERING OUR GIFTS

OFFERTORY *Peace Piece* *B.Evans*

***DOXOLOGY** *B778 (tune: B780 L.Bourgeois 1551)*
Praise God from whom all blessings flow; Praise God all creatures here below; Praise God for all that love has done; Creator, Christ, and Spirit, One.

***UNISON PRAYER OF THANKS AND DEDICATION**

God of our days, bless our giving today. We thank you for the blessing of being able to give. May your compassion, patience and kindness flow through us. May what we share serve as a Yes! to all which can heal and unite us. Amen.

LET US GO FORTH

***HYMN** *In Christ There is No East or West* *B394*

***BENEDICTION (unison)**

May we leave this time of worship refreshed, thankful, hopeful. May we use our gifts wisely and may our memories serve to inspire our actions for the great good. May God fill our hearts with gladness. Go in Peace, united in Spirit!

***AMEN, AMEN** *B161*

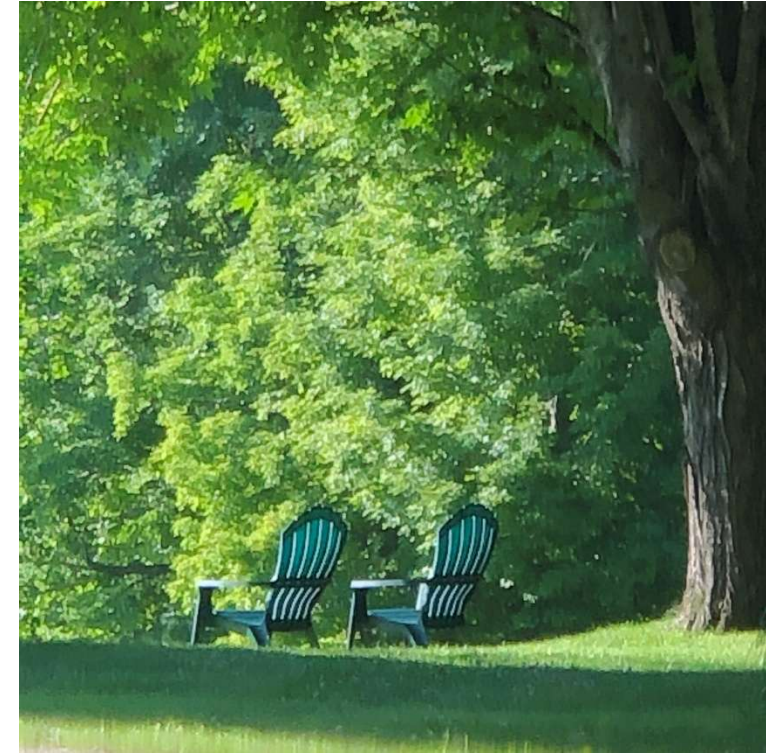
POSTLUDE *A Trumpet Tune* *G.Clarke*

Ministers:	The People
Guest Preacher:	Ilona Kwiecien
Minister of Music:	Gene Faxon
Worship Leader:	Lisa Bostnar
Greeters:	Rich Dufresne and Karen Shea Dufresne
Setup:	Jim Rothnie and Lisa Giragosian
Flowers:	Lisa Giragosian in memory of Barbara Whittemore Kennedy

Please join us in the Parish House after worship for coffee and fellowship, this week provided by Lisa Giragosian.

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