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The period when the Brethren emerged was thus one of continual warfare. It is not surprising that from the beginning they took a firm stand against war and violence.

–Donald Durnbaugh, Fruit of the Vine.

Gathering and Praising

Music for Meditation

*Be receptive to the Spirit of God as worship begins
with Music for Meditation*

Prelude and Lighting of the Christ Candle

Welcome and Announcements

***Passing the Peace**

***Call to Worship:**

One: Come, foolish people; God is calling us.

The God of all time and space wants our attention.

All: *People call us foolish when we take faith seriously.*

The world thinks us strange if we are different.

One: God says to us: You shall be holy because I am.

You shall be true and just, generous and loving.

All: *How can God expect us to be perfect?*

How can we help others if we don't fit in?

***Invocation**

***Hymn:** *We are people of God's peace* #407

First Scripture Reading: *Romans 12:9-21; 13: 8-10, The Message*

Songs of Praise: *Don't be afraid* #1103 (HS)

Praise the Lord, sing halleluia #50

Confessing Our Need

Prayer: *Cut loose from anxious fear* Back of Bulletin

Proclaiming

Children's story David Hovde

Scriptures: *Matthew 5: 9, 21-48*

Message: *Peace and Non-resistance 300 years later*

Hymn: *Heart, with loving heart united* #420

Praying

“For this we rejoice...”

“For this we pray...”

Prayer for all God's children

Offering

Invitation to Giving

Offertory

Matthew Roop

***Offertory Response:**

Praise God from whom

#119

***Prayer of Dedication**

Sending

***Hymn:** *O Master, let me walk with Thee* #357

***Benediction**

***Sending Christ's light out into the world**

***Postlude**

*Please stand as you are able.

Please join us after the worship for a time of fellowship and refreshments downstairs in the Fellowship Hall.