

March 9, 2008

God always gave his gifts freely where they were willing to use them, and I believe in Christ Jesus male and female are one, just as Jew and Gentile are made one. –Sarah Righter Major

Gathering and Praising

Music for Meditation

Prelude and Lighting of the Christ Candle

Welcome and Announcements

***Passing the Peace**

***Call to Worship**

One: Our Lord Jesus calls each of us to a life of justice, kindness, and humility.

All: We pray that in this hour before us our defenses will fall and your love will be set free within us.

One: Loving God, your mercy knows no end.

All: Amen.

***Invocation**

***Hymn:** Lord, whose love in humble service #369

First Scripture Reading: Amos 5: 21-24, from *The Message*

Songs of Praise: Heart, with loving heart united #420
Will you let me be your servant #307

Confessing Our Belief Unison

All: We believe in God, who is love and who has given the earth to all people. We believe in Jesus Christ, who came to heal us, and to free us from all forms of oppression. We believe in the Spirit of God, who works in and through all who are turned toward the truth. We believe in the community of faith, which is called to be at the service of all people. We believe in God's promise to finally destroy the power of sin in us all, and to establish the kingdom of justice and peace for all humankind.

Men: We do not believe in the right of the strongest, nor the force of arms, nor the power of oppression.

Women: *We believe in human rights, in the solidarity of all people, in the power of nonviolence.*

Men: We do not believe in racism, in the power that comes

from wealth and privilege, or in any established order that enslaves.

Women: *We believe that all men and women are equally human, that order based on violence and injustice is not order.*

Men: We do not believe that war and hunger are inevitable and peace unattainable.

Women: *We believe in the beauty of simplicity, in love with open hands, in peace on earth.*

All: We do not believe that suffering need be in vain, that death is the end, that the disfigurement of our world is what God intended. But we dare to believe, always and in spite of everything, in God's power to transform and transfigure, fulfilling the promise of a new heaven and a new earth where justice and peace will flourish.

Proclaiming

Children's story Kristy Frier

Scriptures: Micah 6: 1-8; Romans 12: 9-21

Message: Peace and Justice 300 years later

Hymn: What does the Lord require #1098 (HS)

Praying

"For this we rejoice..."

"For this we pray..."

Prayer for all God's children

Offering

Invitation to Giving

Offertory Ann Brown & Marilyn Mandernack

***Offertory Response:** Praise God from whom #119

***Prayer of Dedication**

Sending

***Hymn:** Put peace into each other's hands #1099 (HS)

***Benediction**

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

***Postlude**

* Please stand as you are able.