

**September 21, 2008**  
**International Day of Prayer for Peace**

*It is no longer a choice between violence and nonviolence in the world; it is nonviolence or nonexistence.*

–Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.

**Music for Meditation**

*Be receptive to the Spirit of God as worship begins with Music for Meditation. Meditate on these words: But I tell you who hear me: Love your enemies, do good to those who hate you, bless those who curse you, pray for those who mistreat you. Luke 6: 27-28*

**Prelude and Lighting of the Christ Candle**

**Welcome and Announcements:** Give words of welcome. Invite people to sign the attendance sheet. Ask for any announcements not in the bulletin.

**Answering the Scriptural Call to Pray for Peace** Rev. Joy Zepp

**\*Passing the Peace**

**\*Call to Worship:** Christine Sine

One: God blesses those who work for peace,  
for they will be called the children of God.

**All:** *God of peace, you call us to peace.*

One: Peace within and peace without.  
Peace before and peace behind.  
Peace on right and peace on left.

**All:** *Christ of peace, you call us to peace.*

One: Peace with brother and with sister.  
Peace with neighbor and with stranger.  
Peace with friend and with foe.

**All:** *Spirit of peace, you call us to peace.*

One: Peace in work and in play.  
Peace in thought and in deed.  
Peace in word and in action.

**All:** *Grant us peace, O God of peace.*

**\*Invocation:** Brian Burch

**\*Hymn:** *Jesus Christ is waiting* Insert

**Reflection Reading:** from Archbishop Oscar Romero's *The Violence of Love*

**Prayer:** From an Orthodox Christian prayer book

**Hymn:** *Peace, O God* #1100 (HS)  
**Jesus' Call for Peaceful Living:** *John 13: 34; Matthew 5: 9*  
**Children's Story** Tom August

**Sharing our Joys and our Concerns**

**"For this we rejoice..."**

**"For this we pray..."**

**Hymn Call to Prayer** *Peace, be still, and know* #1120 (HS)

**Prayer for all God's children**

*Here we are, God* Kathy Guisewite  
*Prayer of Community* Rev. Pru Yelinek

**Scriptures:** *Romans 12: 14; 1 Corinthians 4: 12;*  
*Romans 12: 17-21; 1 Peter 3: 9; 1 John 2: 9-10*

**Invitation to Give**

**Offertory** *A Common Love* Choir

**\*Offertory Response:** *Praise God* #119

**\*Prayer of Dedication:** **Unison**  
*Gracious God, you gave us your son as teacher and guide for our life journeys. Please accept these gifts as a token of our gratitude for your love and forgiveness. Amen.*

**Meditation:** *Praying for Peace and Christian Peacemaking*

**Hymn:** *Make me a channel of your peace* Insert

**Litany for Peace and Justice** Overhead

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

**\*Benediction:** **Unison**  
*May the God of hope go with us everyday filling all our lives with love and joy and peace. May the God of justice speed us on our way bringing light and hope to every land and race. Praying let us work for peace, singing share our joy with all, working for a world that's new, faithful as we hear Christ's call.*

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

**\*Postlude**

\*Please stand as you are able.