

Coming up in the life of the church:

October 8 Craft group, 10:30am
October 10 Coffee & Conversation with Pastor Kate, French Press, 3:00pm
 Needham Wednesday Witness, Town Common, 5:30pm
 Peace-making Study, 7:00pm
October 13 Yard Sale, 9:00am-2:00pm

This fall, we have joined with other Presbyterians in observing a Season of Peace. Today, World Communion Sunday, we collect the Peace & Global Witness Offering. Wednesdays at 7pm, join us for a Bible study on “The Things that Make for Peace.”

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH IN NEEDHAM
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ORDER OF WORSHIP
WORLD COMMUNION SUNDAY
SEASON OF PEACE

October 7, 2018
Presbyterian Church in Needham

GATHERING

PRELUDE

*CALL TO WORSHIP

This is the day that the Lord has made.

Let us rejoice and make peace in it.

This is the hour that the Lord has made.

Let us rejoice and make peace in it.

This is the church that the Lord has made.

Let us rejoice and make peace in it.

This is the earth that the Lord has made.

We will rejoice and make peace in it!

Let us worship God.

*OPENING PRAYER

How good it is, O God of peace, that in the beginning you created light and fashioned it into dancing things, suns and moons and stars above. As we watched them move and spin, you taught us to keep time, tapping our feet to the rhythm of hour, day, week, and season. How good it is that you gave us time, so that in every time and in every way, we might know your peace. Send your Spirit to move our hearts to dance in the steps of your Son, Jesus Christ, the Prince of Peace. **Amen.**

WELCOME

*HYMN #465

TOKYO

Here, O Lord, Your Servants Gather

*CALL TO CONFESSION

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION

O Lord our God, you call us to proclaim the gospel, but we remain silent in the presence of evil. You call us to be reconciled to you and one another, but we are content to live in separation. You call us to seek the good of all, but we fail to resist the powers of oppression. You call us to fight pretensions and injustice, but we sit idly by, endangering the lives of people far and near. Forgive us, O Lord. Reconcile us to you by the power of your Spirit, and give us the courage and strength to be reconciled to others; through Jesus Christ, your Son, our Savior.

*ASSURANCE OF PARDON

*PASSING THE PEACE

The peace of Christ be with you.

And also with you.

WORSHIP NOTES

Serving in this worship this morning:

Liturgist: Carol Patey

Preacher: Rev. Kate Carlisle

Organist & Choir Director: Dr. JungSun Yoon

Fellowship/Greeters: Nancy McIlwrath, Agnes MacPhail, Joanne MacPhail Walsh, Sue McIlwrath

Counters: Mark McCoy, Betty MacIver

Moment for Mission: Mark Hellberg

* You are invited to stand as you are comfortable.

Welcome to worship at the Presbyterian Church in Needham!

All are welcome here, including and especially children. We invite children to join us up front for a children's message and to join the Sunday school classes, as they are comfortable. They are also welcome at any point in the service to remain with their families or to color at the small table in the front of the sanctuary. We rejoice that we are able to worship God as a multigenerational family.

We celebrate the Sacrament of Holy Communion on the first Sunday of each month. As always, everyone is welcome at the Lord's Table. If you do not wish to take Communion, you are invited to approach the table with your hand over your heart for a blessing.

Gracious God, pour out your Holy Spirit upon us and upon these gifts...
... Through Christ, with Christ, in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all glory
and honor are yours, Almighty Father, now and forever.

Amen.

LORD'S PRAYER

**Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come;
thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread,
and forgive us our debts as we forgive our debtors, and lead us not into
temptation, but deliver us from evil, for thine is the kingdom, and the power,
and the glory forever. Amen.**

COMMUNION OF THE PEOPLE

*All are welcome at the Lord's Table. We invite you to partake in Communion by intinction, that,
receiving the bread, dipping it in the cup, and eating. Anyone who does not wish to partake is invited to
approach the table with hand(s) over their heart, signaling desire for a word of blessing.*

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

**Nourishing God, thank you for inviting us to your table where all are
welcome, and for feeding us with the bread of life and quenching our thirst
with the cup of blessing. As you have filled our lives with love and hope, may
we be a source of your love and hope for others who hunger and thirst for
good news. Amen.**

SENDING

*HYMN # 514

Let Us Talents and Tongues Employ

LINSTEAD

*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

*SENDING SONG

We will walk with God, my brothers; we will walk with God.
We will walk with God, my sisters; we will walk with God.
We will go rejoicing till the kingdom is come.
We will go rejoicing till the kingdom is come.

POSTLUDE

THE WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Come, O Holy Spirit, and open our hearts to your word. Open our ears to your
Wisdom as she sings to us of your goodness. Open our mouths so that we may
breathe in your hope and breathe out your love. Open our minds that we might be
challenged by your call. Open us up, so that we may be opened up for the sake of
the world. **Amen.**

PSALM 8

O Lord our Lord, how exalted is your name in all the world!

**Out of the mouths of infants and children your majesty is praised above the
heavens.**

You have set up a stronghold against your adversaries, to quell the enemy and the
avenger.

**When I consider your heavens, the work of your fingers, the moon and the
stars you have set in their courses,**

what are human beings that you should be mindful of them? mortals that you
should seek them out?

**You have made them but little lower than the angels; you adorn them with
glory and honor;**

you give them mastery over the works of your hands; you put all things under their
feet:

All sheep and oxen, even the wild beasts of the field,

the birds of the air, the fish of the sea, and whatsoever walks in the paths of the
sea.

O Lord our Lord, how exalted is your name in all the world!

FIRST READING: Hebrews 1:1-4; 2:5-12 (p. 218, New Testament)

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

SERMON

*HYMN (see insert)

NJOO KWETU, ROHO MWEMA

Gracious Spirit, Heed Our Pleading

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

We believe that God has revealed himself as the one who wishes to bring about justice and true peace among people;

that God, in a world full of injustice and enmity, is in a special way the God of the destitute, the poor and the wronged; that God call the church to follow him in this;

for God brings justice to the oppressed and gives bread to the hungry; that God frees the prisoner and restores sight to the blind; that God supports the downtrodden, protects the stranger, helps orphans and widows and blocks the path of the ungodly; that for God pure and undefiled religion is to visit the orphans and the widows in their suffering;

that God wishes to teach the church to do what is good and to seek the right; that the church must therefore stand by people in any form of suffering and need, which implies, among other things, that the church must witness against and strive against any form of injustice,

so that justice may roll down like waters, and righteousness like an ever-flowing stream;

that the church as the possession of God must stand where the Lord stands, namely against injustice and with the wronged; that in following Christ the church must witness against all the powerful and privileged who selfishly seek their own interests and thus control and harm others.

Therefore, we reject any ideology which would legitimate forms of injustice and any doctrine which is unwilling to resist such an ideology in the name of the gospel.

We believe that, in obedience to Jesus Christ, its only head, the church is called to confess and to do all these things, even though the authorities and human laws might forbid them and punishment and suffering be the consequence.

Jesus is Lord. To the one and only God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit, be the honor and the glory for ever and ever.

RESPONSE TO THE WORD

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Lord, in your mercy,
hear our prayer.

MOMENT FOR MISSION

OFFERING

OFFERTORY ANTHEM

Let There be Peace on Earth

Miller-Jackson-Hayes

*DOXOLOGY

OLD HUNDREDTH

**Praise God from whom all blessings flow,
Praise God all creatures here below,
Praise God above ye heavenly host,
Creator, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen!**

THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

INVITATION

GREAT THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

O Lord our God, creator and ruler of the universe...

...Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with choirs of angels, with prophets, apostles, and martyrs, and with all the faithful of every time and place, who forever sing to the glory of your name.

**Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory.**

Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest.

You are indeed holy, O God of Majesty,

and blessed is Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord...

... Great is the mystery of faith:

Christ has died,

Christ is risen,

Christ will come again.