

# *Re-membering Peace: Still the Believers' Calling* *Worship Services for the 2010 Peacemaking Seminar*

## Opening Worship: Gathering the Children of God

Wednesday, August 25, 7:15 pm  
Agape Center



— *Gathering* —

### PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP

*As we gather for worship, you are invited to pray or meditate on these verses:*

Many nations and peoples will come and say: Isaiah 2:3–4  
Come, let us go to the house of the HOLY ONE,  
that we may learn God's ways and walk in God's paths. ...  
They shall beat their swords into plowshares,  
and their spears into pruning hooks;  
nation shall not lift up sword against nation,  
neither shall they learn war any more.

Jesus said: Let the children come to me; do not stop them; Mark 10:14  
for it is to such as these that the realm of God belongs.

### GATHERING SONGS

#### CALL TO WORSHIP

I was glad when they said to me: Based on Psalm 122  
**Let us go to the house of the HOLY ONE!**  
Our feet have come from near and far,  
**from north and south, from east and west.**

*Worshippers name places from which we have come.*

Let us go to the house of the HOLY ONE!  
**Our feet are standing within your gates, O God.**

Pray for the peace of Jerusalem ...

*Worshippers name other places for which we pray.*

Cities of God, places of promise,  
**built up in hope, bound firmly together in love.**

Within your walls, within your gates ...

*Response: Let peace prevail!*

For the sake of my relatives and friends I say,  
**Peace be with you.**

*Worshippers name other persons for whom we pray.*

For the sake of all, I say Peace!  
**Peace be with you.**

For the sake of the house of the HOLY ONE our God,  
**I will seek your good.**

OPENING PRAYER

OPENING SONG

CREATING A CLIMATE OF HOSPITALITY

Rev. Mark Koenig

— *The Word* —

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE Ephesians 4:1–16

VOICES OF PEACEMAKERS

*Response:* Blessed are the peacemakers,  
**for they will be called children of God.**

SONG OF RESPONSE

— *Agape Meal* —

INVITATION TO THE TABLE

On this mountain, the HOLY ONE our God  
will make for all peoples a feast of rich food ...

Isaiah 25

... this is the HOLY ONE, for whom we have waited.  
**This is God, our salvation;  
let us be glad and rejoice!**

THANKSGIVING OVER THE MEAL

Blessed are you, God of creation,  
for you have given us this food to share,  
grain of the harvest and fruit of the vine.

**Blessed are you, O God, forever.**

Blessed are you, God of creation,  
for you have given us this family of faith,  
sisters and brothers united in hope and love.

**Blessed are you, O God, forever.**

Blessed are you, God of creation,  
for you have given us this world of wonder,  
filled with the glory and beauty of your presence.

**Blessed are you, O God, forever.**

Blessed are you, God of creation,  
for you have given us this joyful calling,  
to proclaim the good news of your peace to all.

**Blessed are you, O God, forever.**

— *Sending* —

CLOSING SONG

CHARGE AND BLESSING

Above all, clothe yourselves with love,  
which binds everything together in perfect harmony.  
And let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts,  
to which indeed you were called in the one body.

Colossians 3:14–17

And be thankful! Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly;  
teach and admonish one another in all wisdom;  
and with gratitude in your hearts  
sing psalms, hymns, and spiritual songs to God.

And whatever you do, in word or deed,  
do everything in the name of Jesus, giving thanks to God.

Grace to you and peace  
from God who is and who was and who is to come.  
To God be all glory forever.

Revelation 1:4

**Alleluia! Amen.**

SENDING SONG

## Morning Prayer

Thursday, August 26, 8:45 am  
Agape Center

### GATHERING SONGS

#### CALL TO WORSHIP

Come, believers,  
God-beloved,  
Christ-redeemed,  
Spirit-infused!

#### **What is our call?**

We are called to stand against injustice, inequality, and oppression,  
as our Lord and Savior did,

**for injustice anywhere is a threat to justice everywhere.**

Come, believers, come to worship God—  
**for God, the maker of heaven and earth,  
makes wars to cease throughout the world.**

The God of heaven and earth is with us.

**The God of peace is our refuge.**

#### OPENING PRAYER

#### OPENING SONG

Based on Psalm 46  
and Martin Luther King's  
"Letter from Birmingham Jail"

## Evening Worship: Reaffirming the Believers' Calling

Thursday, August 26, 7:00 pm  
Agape Center



### — *Gathering* —

#### PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP

*As we gather for worship, you are invited to pray or meditate on these verses:*

Wash yourselves; make yourselves clean ...  
cease to do evil, learn to do good;  
seek justice, rescue the oppressed,  
defend the orphan, plead for the widow. Isaiah 1:16–17

Jesus cried out: Let anyone who is thirsty come to me,  
and let the one who believes in me come and drink. John 7:37–38  
From the believer's heart shall flow rivers of living water.

#### GATHERING SONGS

#### CALL TO WORSHIP

Hear the word of God through the prophet Amos: Amos 5:21–24  
I hate, I despise your festivals,  
and I take no delight in your solemn assemblies.  
**Even though you offer me your burnt offerings and grain offerings,  
I will not accept them;  
and the offerings of well-being of your fatted animals  
I will not look upon.**

Take away from me the noise of your songs;  
I will not listen to the melody of your harps.  
**But let justice roll down like waters,  
and righteousness like an everflowing stream.**

OPENING SONG

CALL TO CONFESSION

This is the covenant which I will make with my people, says the HOLY ONE:  
I will put my law within them,  
and I will write it upon their hearts;  
I will be their God,  
and they shall be my people.  
I will forgive their evil deeds,  
and I will remember their sin no more.

In penitence and faith,  
let us lament the brokenness of this world  
and confess our sin to God.

LITANY OF CONFESSION AND LAMENT

*Response:* God, have mercy.

**Christ, have mercy.**

God, have mercy on us.  
Remember the promises you made to us in our baptism,  
forgive our sinful ways and heal our brokenness.  
Set us free from all that enslaves us,  
and raise us to new life in Jesus Christ,  
that we may be your faithful people,  
showing forth your healing love to the world,  
to the glory of your holy name. **Amen.**

DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS

Anyone who is in Christ is a new creation.  
The old life has gone; a new life has begun.

I declare to you: in the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven!

**In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven!**

**Glory to God! Amen.**

SONG OF RESPONSE

— *The Word* —

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE

Isaiah 55:1–13

SERMON

Re-member Your Baptism

Rev. David Gambrell

— *Reaffirmation of Baptism* —

SENTENCES OF SCRIPTURE

Just as the body is one and has many members,  
and all the members of the body,  
though many, are one body, so it is with Christ.

1 Corinthians 12:12–13, 27

**For in the one Spirit we were all baptized into one body—  
Jews or Greeks, women and men, slaves or free—  
and we were all made to drink of one Spirit.**

Now you are the body of Christ  
**and individually members of it.**

God has told you what is good;  
**and what does the Holy One require of you  
but to do justice, and to love kindness,  
and to walk humbly with your God?**

Micah 6:8

RENUNCIATION OF EVIL AND PROFESSION OF FAITH

Do you renounce all evil, and the powers in the world  
which defy God's realm of justice and peace?

**I renounce them.**

Do you renounce the ways of sin—  
of violence, hatred, oppression, and greed,  
of intolerance, injustice, indifference, and fear—  
all the powers that seek to separate us from the love of God?

**I renounce them.**

Do you turn to Jesus Christ  
and accept him as your Sovereign and Savior?

**I do.**

Will you be Christ's faithful disciple,  
obeying his Word and showing his love, to your life's end?

**I will, with God's help.**

Do you believe in God, the Source, the fountain of life?

**I believe.**

Do you believe in Christ, the offspring of God,  
embodied in Jesus of Nazareth and in the church?

**I believe.**

Do you believe in the liberating Spirit of God,  
the wellspring of new life?

**I believe.**

THANKSGIVING FOR BAPTISM

Rev. Emily McGinley

God be with you.

**And also with you.**

Let us give thanks to God Most High.

**It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

Eternal and gracious God, we give you thanks ...  
... now and forever. **Amen.**

ANOINTING AND STOLES

Remember your baptism and be thankful.

**Thanks be to God!**

Peacemaker, you are a beloved child of God,  
and with you, God is well pleased. **Amen.**

THE PEACE

— *Sending* —

CLOSING SONG

CHARGE AND BLESSING

As many of you as were baptized into Christ  
have clothed yourselves with Christ.

Galatians 3:27–28

**There is no longer Jew or Greek,  
there is no longer slave or free,  
there is no longer male and female;  
for we are all one in Christ Jesus.**

To those who are called,  
who are beloved in God,  
may grace, mercy, and peace  
be yours in abundance.

Jude 1–2

**Alleluia! Amen.**

SENDING SONG

The wording for the profession of faith is from Ruth C. Duck, *Gender and the Name of God: The Trinitarian Baptismal Formula* (Cleveland: The Pilgrim Press, 1991), 185. Other parts of this service are adapted from the “Reaffirmation of the Baptismal Covenant” in the Presbyterian *Book of Common Worship* (Louisville: Westminster John Knox Press, 1993), 464–477.

## Morning Prayer

Friday, August 27, 8:45 am  
Agape Center

### GATHERING SONGS

#### CALL TO WORSHIP

Come, believers,  
God-beloved,  
Christ-redeemed,  
Spirit-infused!

Based on Psalm 46  
and Martin Luther King's  
"Letter from Birmingham Jail"

#### **What is our call?**

We are called to examine the actions of our nation:  
its military might, economic relations, political institutions, and cultural patterns,  
**for whatever affects one directly affects all indirectly.**

Come, believers, come to worship God—  
**for God, the maker of heaven and earth,  
makes wars to cease throughout the world.**

The God of heaven and earth is with us.  
**The God of peace is our refuge.**

#### OPENING PRAYER

#### OPENING SONG

## Evening Worship: Proclaiming the Gospel of Peace

Friday, August 27, 7:00 pm  
On the Mesa



### — Gathering —

#### PILGRIMAGE OF PEACE

*Beginning at the foot of the mesa, we will make a procession to the place for evening worship. As we ascend the mesa, you are invited to pray or meditate on these verses:*

How beautiful upon the mountains  
are the feet of the messenger who announces peace!

Isaiah 52:7

Like shoes for your feet,  
put on whatever will make you ready  
to proclaim the gospel of peace.

Ephesians 6:15

#### PROCESSION SONGS

#### CALL TO WORSHIP

We seek peace,  
**but we live amidst war.**  
We seek justice,  
**but we excuse oppression.**  
We seek unity,  
**but we stand divided.**

And yet ...  
we worship with love,  
**knowing how much we have been loved.**  
We worship in hope,  
**knowing that God moves us toward wholeness.**  
We worship with our whole selves,  
**lifting our voices with those who remain silenced.**

OPENING SONG

THE PEACE

— *The Word* —

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE Ephesians 2:13–22

SERMON Christ Is Our Peace Rev. Dr. Reginaldo P. Braga, Jr.

*During the sermon, you will be invited to tear down pieces of the wall and write words or draw images that represent your involvement with ministries of peacemaking.*

— *Response* —

LITANY We Are a Community of Peacemakers

*Lifting your piece of the wall, name some aspect of your participation in peacemaking.*

Children of God, this is our calling:

**We are a community of peacemakers.**

INTERCESSIONS

*Worshippers stand in a circle, facing outward, with hands extended to the world.*

*At the conclusion of the intercessions, water is poured on the ground.*

O God, you are my God, I seek you,

Psalm 63:1

my soul thirsts for you;

**my flesh faints for you,**

**as in a dry and weary land where there is no water.**

OFFERING

We offer our lives in your service, O God,

**fire of justice and light of peace.**

— *Sending* —

CLOSING SONG

CHARGE AND BLESSING

Therefore, since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses,  
let us lay aside every weight and the sin that clings so closely.

Hebrews 12

**Let us run with perseverance the race that is set before us,  
looking to Jesus, the pioneer and perfecter of our faith.**

Lift up your drooping hands, and strengthen your weak knees.

**Pursue peace with everyone, seek what is holy and good,  
and see to it that no one fails to receive the grace of God.**

We are receiving a promise that can never be shaken;

**therefore give thanks and worship God,  
fire of justice and light of peace.**

May the God of peace give you peace  
at all times and in all ways.

2 Thessalonians 3:16

**Alleluia! Amen.**

SENDING SONG

## Morning Prayer

Saturday, August 28, 8:45 am  
Agape Center

### GATHERING SONGS

#### CALL TO WORSHIP

Come, believers,  
God-beloved,  
Christ-redeemed,  
Spirit-infused!

#### **What is our call?**

We are called to be weavers of the kingdom, makers of peace,  
**for we are caught in an inescapable network of mutuality,  
tied in a single garment of destiny.**

Come, believers, come to worship God—  
**for God, the maker of heaven and earth,  
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#### OPENING PRAYER

#### OPENING SONG

Based on Psalm 46  
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"Letter from Birmingham Jail"

## Closing Worship: Keeping the Feast of Peace

Saturday, August 28, 7:00 pm  
Agape Center



### — *Gathering* —

#### PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP

*As we gather for worship, you are invited to pray or meditate on these verses:*

O taste and see that the LORD is good;  
happy are those who find refuge in God.

Psalm 34:8, 11–14

Come, O children, listen to me;  
I will teach you the worship of the LORD ...  
Depart from evil, and do good;  
seek peace, and pursue it.

They devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and fellowship,  
to the breaking of bread and the prayers.  
Awe and wonder came upon everyone,  
because many wonders and signs were being done by the apostles.  
All who believed were together and had all things in common;  
they would sell their possessions and goods  
and distribute the proceeds to all, as any had need.

Acts 2:42–44

#### GATHERING SONGS

#### CALL TO WORSHIP

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#### OPENING SONG

#### CALL TO CONFESSION

Believers, for thirty years we have been called to the discipleship of peacemaking.  
Yet we have often fallen short of our call to follow the Prince of Peace.

Trusting the grace and mercy of our Savior Jesus Christ,  
let us confess our sin against God, our neighbors, and ourselves.

#### PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Believers, we are called to be faithful to Christ  
by engaging in peacemaking.  
**When we, your disciples, are insensitive  
to injustice, inequality, and oppression in our world,  
and are silent to the unjust use of our nation's power,  
have mercy upon us.**

Based on *Peacemaking:  
The Believers' Calling*

Believers, we are called to be obedient to Christ  
by nurturing and equipping God's people as peacemakers.  
**When we, your disciples, have failed to call congregations and fellow believers  
to the work of peacemaking, for whatever reason,  
and when we have failed to teach peacemaking  
to the generations that come after us,  
have mercy upon us.**

Believers, we are called to bear witness to Christ  
by nourishing the moral life of the nation for the sake of peace in the world.  
**When, we, your disciples, despair in the face of war,  
stay silent for the sake of so-called security,  
or simply do nothing out of fear or busy-ness,  
have mercy upon us.**

Believers, we know that to deny our calling  
is a disservice to the church and the world.

**When we deny our calling to be makers of your peace,  
have mercy upon us.**

Believers, in silence or aloud,  
let us confess and lament the ways in which we have failed to be peacemakers.

*Time for personal prayer*

#### DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS

Hear these words from the Psalmist:

Let me hear what God the LORD will speak,  
for God will speak peace to the people, to the faithful,  
to those who turn to God in their hearts.

**The steadfast love of the Lord is from everlasting to everlasting.  
Thanks be to God.**

#### SONG OF RESPONSE

— *The Word* —

#### PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

##### SCRIPTURE

Ephesians 4:1-7, 11-16

I therefore, the prisoner in the Lord,  
beg you to lead a life worthy of the calling to which you have been called,  
with all humility and gentleness, with patience,  
bearing with one another in love,  
making every effort to maintain the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace.

**There is one body and one Spirit,  
just as you were called to the one hope of your calling,  
one Lord, one faith, one baptism,  
one God and Father of all,  
who is above all and through all and in all.  
Each of us was given grace according to the measure of Christ's gift. . . .**

The gifts he gave were that some would be apostles,  
some prophets, some evangelists, some pastors and teachers,  
to equip the saints for the work of ministry,  
for building up the body of Christ,  
until all of us come to the unity of the faith  
and of the knowledge of the Son of God, to maturity,  
to the measure of the full stature of Christ.

**We must no longer be children, tossed to and fro  
and blown about by every wind of doctrine,  
by people's trickery, by their craftiness in deceitful scheming.  
But speaking the truth in love,  
we must grow up in every way into him who is the head,  
into Christ, from whom the whole body, joined and knit together  
by every ligament with which it is equipped,  
as each part is working properly,  
promotes the body's growth in building itself up in love.**

SERMON

Knit Together

Rev. Dr. Margaret Aymer

SONG OF RESPONSE

— *Eucharist* —

INVITATION TO THE TABLE

GREAT THANKSGIVING

El Señor sea con ustedes.

**And also with you.**

Eleven sus corazones.

**We lift them to the Lord.**

Demos gracias a nuestro Dios.

**It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

... who forever sing to the glory of your name:

*Santo, santo, santo. ¡Mi corazón te adora!*

*Mi corazón te sabe decir: ¡Santo eres, Dios!*

**Holy, holy, holy. My heart, my heart adores you!**

**My heart knows how to say to you: You are holy, Lord!**

... Great is the mystery of faith:

**Cristo ha muerto,**

**Cristo ha resucitado,**

**Cristo vendrá otra vez.**

... now and forever. **Amén.**

BREAKING OF THE BREAD

COMMUNION OF THE PEOPLE

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

— *Sending* —

CHARGE AND BLESSING

A Psalm of Peacemaking

We live in a time of kairos\*  
when humanity stands on the border of a promised time,  
when God's people are summoned to obedience and faithfulness  
to preserve God's creation,  
to stand with the poor and oppressed everywhere, and  
to stand together as the people of the earth;  
when with confession and with humility we repent of  
our blindness to the division and war in our own hearts and in our own land,  
our obsession with money and our pursuit of power,  
our irrational belief in security through weaponry, and  
our worship of secular gods.

We are called  
to be obedient to Jesus Christ, the Prince of Peace,  
who loves the whole world and  
who invites us to be stewards of the earth and servants of his people,  
to be co-workers in the new Creation.

Let us be peacemakers.

Let us be called the children of God,  
speaking boldly with moral conviction to the nation and to the world,  
building, with God's grace, a new moral order in the world community; and  
acting now for world peace, an enterprise of justice, an outcome of love.

\* awareness of God's purpose breaking in

SENDING SONG

The bilingual eucharistic prayer is adapted from *El Libro de Adoración* (Louisville: Geneva Press, 2009)  
and the Presbyterian *Book of Common Worship* (Louisville: Westminster John Knox Press, 1993).

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