

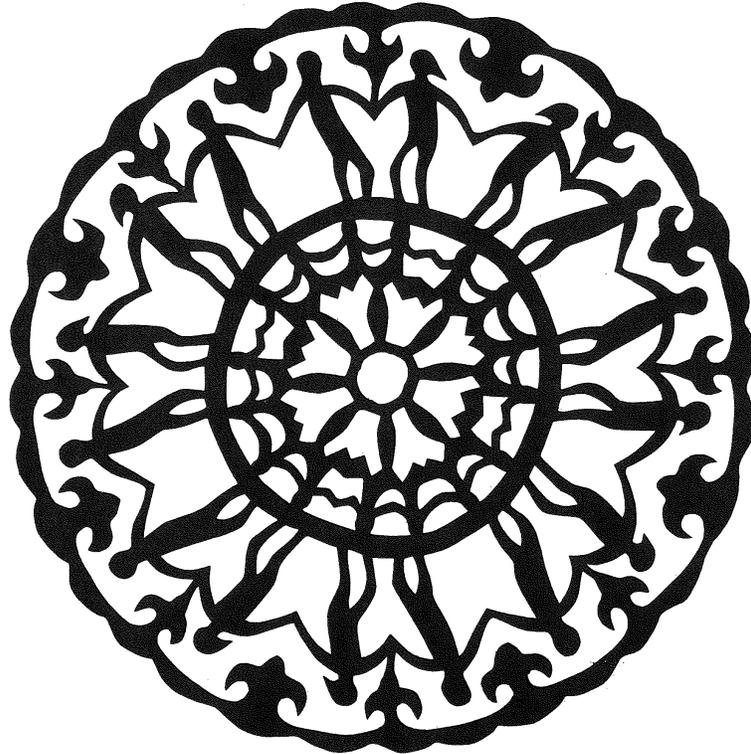
Peace United Church of Christ

Sunday, May 15, 2022

10:30am

**The Fifth Sunday of Easter:
A Season of Resurrection and Reconciliation**

Third Sunday in Asian-American Heritage Month



Ode to Joy" by He Qi, China

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Liturgists

The People of Peace Church

Jim Pospisil, Music Director

Nathan Holst, Faith Formation Minister

Rev. Charlotte Frantz, Interim Pastoral Associate

Rev. James Mitulski, Interim Pastor

Prelude Byron Klimek, cello

Announcements and Welcome

Ringling of our Peace Bells

*Call to Worship

As we come to worship this morning,

May our senses be awakened to the presence of God in the beauty of this land.

May our imaginations be awakened to the suffering of God in the cries of this land.

May our hearts be awakened to the compassion of God to the peoples of this land.

May our consciences be awakened to the commitment of God in the treaties of this land.

May our whole beings be awakened to the Aroha of God in the enfolding of this land.

(from New Zealand/Aotorea; Aroha is a Maori word for love/affection/ compassion)

*Opening Hymn "Touch the Earth Lightly" #569 (see page 5)

Recognition and Thanks: Children will lead the congregation in thanking those who have assisted in youth and children's ministry this past year.

Contemporary Reading from "Revolutionary Love" Ted Talk by Valarie Kaur

"Forgiveness is not forgetting. Forgiveness is freedom from hate. Because when we are free from hate, we see the ones who hurt us not as monsters, but as people who themselves are wounded, who themselves feel threatened, who don't know what else to do with their insecurity but to hurt us, to pull the trigger, or cast the vote, or pass the policy aimed at us. But if some of us begin to wonder about them, listen even to their stories, we learn that participation in oppression comes at a cost. It cuts them off from their own capacity to love...in order to love others, see no stranger. We can train our eyes to look upon strangers on the street, on the subway, on the screen, and say in our minds, 'Brother, sister, aunt, uncle.' And when we say this, what we are saying is, 'You are a part of me I do not yet know. I choose to wonder about you.'"

Contemporary Song “Firefly and the Snake” by Cloudcult, a Minnesota-based folk-rock band that often writes songs that speak to transformation and wonder

In the middle of the night, I woke up outside the kitchen window
Staring in at a replay of my days.
And something tells me I can't come back again.
From there I watched my life, I looked back on myself but didn't recognize him
Ashamed to believe I could ever be that way
But then I watched you light a candle in my name
In the morning I awoke and came to life again
One more chance to finally make a change

You are the light of my life
Oh, my firefly, my sunrise, and my spark
Don't ever try to cover up your howling luminescence
Though they will come and try to blow your fire down
Some lights were never meant to be turned out

When the snake sheds its old skin, it looks back on itself but doesn't recognize it
Ashamed to believe it could ever be that way
So it attacks it out of fear and disdain
You and I built a fire from the parts of us we never wanna see again
And we watched it burn all night despite the rain
In the morning most our dragons still were not slain
So we reached out our hands and made them friends
One more chance to finally make a change

Gospel: John 13:12-35

After washing their feet, Jesus put his clothes back on and returned to the table. He said to them, “Do you understand what I have done for you? You call me “Teacher” and “Sovereign,” and rightly, for so I am. If I, then—your Teacher and Sovereign—have washed your feet, you should wash each other’s feet. I have given you an example, that you should do as I have done to you. The truth of the matter is, no subordinate is greater than the superior; no messenger outranks the sender. Once you know all these things, you’ll be blessed if you put them into practice. What I say is not said about you all—for I know the ones I chose—but so that scripture can be fulfilled: ‘One who partook of bread with me has raised a heel against me.’ I tell you this now, before it takes place, so that when it takes place you may believe that I AM. The truth of the matter is, whoever accepts the one I send accepts me, and whoever welcomes me welcomes the one who sent me.” Having said this, Jesus became troubled in spirit and said, “The truth of the matter is, one of you will betray me.”

The disciples looked at each other, puzzled as to whom he could mean. One of them, the disciple whom Jesus loved, was next to Jesus. Simon Peter signaled him to ask Jesus whom he meant. He leaned back against Jesus’ chest and asked, “Rabbi, who is it?” Jesus answered, “The one to whom I give the piece of bread I dip in the dish.” He dipped the piece of bread and gave it to Judas, son of Simon Iscariot.

After Judas took the bread, Satan entered his heart. Jesus said to him, “Be quick about what you’re going to do.” None of the others at the table understood the reason Jesus said this. Since Judas had charge of the common fund, some of them thought Jesus was telling him to buy what was needed for the festival, or to give something to the poor. As soon as Judas took the piece of bread, he went out into the night.

Once Judas left, Jesus said, “Now is the Chosen One glorified and God is glorified as well. If God has been glorified, God will in turn glorify the Chosen One and will do so very soon. My little children, I won’t be with you much longer. You’ll look for me, but what I said to the Temple authorities, I say to you: where I am going, you cannot come. I give you a new commandment: Love one another. And you’re to love one another the way I have loved you. This is how all will know that you’re my disciples: that you truly love one another.”

Anthem “Psalm 23” by Jim Pospisil

Sermon Nathan Holst

Hymn “When Love is Found” #362 (see page 6)

Community Prayers, Lord’s Prayer, and Choral Amen

Offering

Offertory by Ian Connell “Working To Be Loved” by Future of Forestry

During the offertory, please take time to fill in the Shared Ministry form and let us know of your interests. After the service, place your completed form in the basket in the narthex.

*Closing Hymn: “Savior, Like A Shepherd Lead Us” #252 (see page 7)

*Benediction

Postlude

Touch the Earth Lightly

Shirley Erena Murray, 1992

Unison
Brightly

1 Touch the earth light - ly, use the earth gent - ly,
 * 2 We who en - dan - ger, who cre - ate hun - ger,
 3 Let there be green - ing, birth from the burn - ing,
 4 God of all liv - ing, God of all lov - ing,

*The second verse only may be sung in A minor, omitting the sharps except where indicated in parentheses.

nour-ish the life of the world in our care:
 a - gents of death for all crea - tures that live,
 wa - ter that bless - es, and air that is sweet,
 God of the seed - ling, the snow, and the sun,

Gift of great won - der, ours to sur - ren - der,
 We who would fos - ter clouds of dis - as - ter—
 Health in God's gar - den, hope in God's chil - dren,
 Teach us, de - flect us, Christ re - con - nect us,

trust for the chil - dren to - mor - row will bear.
 God of our plan - et, fore - stall and for - give!
 re - gen - er - a - tion that peace will com - plete.
 us - ing us gent - ly, and mak - ing us one.

Shirley Erena Murray's notes on this hymn state that the title line is borrowed from an Australian Aboriginal saying. The "clouds of disaster" mentioned in stanza 2 refer to nuclear testing by France, which New Zealand has protested at the United Nations many times.

Tune: TENDERNESS 5.5.10.D.
Colin Gibson, 1992

MARRIAGE

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When Love Is Found

Matt. 19:6; Mark 10:8
Unison

Brian Wren, 1978; rev. 1992

1 When love is found and hope comes home, sing and be
 2 When love has flowered in trust and care, build both each
 3 When love is tried as loved-ones change, hold still to
 4 When love is torn, and trust be - trayed, pray strength to
 5 Praise God for love, praise God for life, in age or

glad that two are one. When love ex - plodes and fills the
 day, that love may dare to reach be - yond home's warmth and
 hope, though all seems strange, till ease re - turns and love grows
 love till tor - ments fade, till lov - ers keep no score of
 youth, in calm or strife. Lift up your hearts! Let love be

sky, praise God, and share our Mak - er's joy.
 light, to serve and strive for truth and right.
 wise through lis - tening ears and o - pened eyes.
 wrong, but hear through pain love's Eas - ter song.
 fed through death and life in bro - ken bread.

Brian Wren has noted one important hope for all committed Christian relationships, "that love may reach out beyond the nuclear family, rather than the more cozy and familiar theme of inviting others into 'home's warmth and light.'"

Tune: O WALY WALY L.M.
English folk melody
Arr. Jonathan McNair, 1993

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Savior, like a Shepherd Lead Us

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*Attrib. to Dorothy A. Thrupp (1779-1847)**John 10:1-29**From Hymns for the Young, 1836; alt.**St. 1 transl. to Hawaiian by Laiana (1807-1886)*

1 Sav-ior, like a shep-herd lead us, much we need your ten - der care;
 1 Ie - su no ke Ka - hu - hi - pa, Ka - hu - hi - pa ma'i-ka'i e,
 2 We are yours, in love be - friend us, be the guard-ian of our way;
 3 Let us al - ways seek your fa - vor; let us al - ways do your will;

in your pleas - ant pas-tures feed us, for our use your folds pre-pare.
 Ei - a ma - kou ka 'o - ha - na ke ho'o-lo - he a ha - hai:
 keep your flock, from sin de - fend us, seek us when we go a - stray.
 Je - sus Christ our on - ly Sav - ior, with your love our spir - its fill.

Bless-ed Je - sus, bless-ed Je - sus, you have bought us, yours we are;
 E a - lo - ha, e a - lo - ha, a - la - ka'i a ha - nai mai,
 Bless-ed Je - sus, bless-ed Je - sus, hear your chil - dren when we pray;
 Bless-ed Je - sus, bless-ed Je - sus, you have loved us, love us still;

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The theme of Christ as shepherd is familiar and beloved to Christians. Emma Lyons Doyle, granddaughter of Laiana (translator Lorenzo Lyons), once said, "If you want to know the full beauty of this hymn, hear it sung in Hawaiian."

Tune: BRADBURY 8.7.8.7.D.
 William B. Bradbury, 1859