



WELCOME TO WEST SIDE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

CONNECT • GROW • SERVE

Communion Sunday • February 4, 2024



10:30 AM TRADITIONAL SERVICE

PRELUDE

WELCOME/*CALL TO WORSHIP/OPENING PRAYER

Amid the clamor of a noisy, distracted world, **God calls the faithful to sacred work.**

Beckoning us to turn from the din and inviting us to stand on holy ground,

God welcomes the faithful into a sacred space.

Come, God is calling each of us; **we come to worship and learn to hear God's call.**

Let us pray:

**Almighty God, through Christ Jesus You have taught us to love one another,
to love our neighbors as ourselves, and even to love our enemies.**

Let the peace of Christ rule in our hearts, so that we may not be overcome with evil, but overcome evil with good.

Help us to see each person in light of the love and grace You have shown us in Christ.

Help us to work toward a future where peace reigns, justice is done with mercy, and all are reconciled.

We ask these things in the name and for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

*OPENING HYMN #450

O Day of Peace

JERUSALEM

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Compassionate God, who hears the cries of the oppressed,

You call us to resist evil and hold fast to what is good,

to take up our cross and commit our lives to the cause of love.

We are sometimes timid to confront powers that privilege some and diminish others;

we do not want to lose the security we enjoy.

In Your mercy, forgive us. Open our ears to hear Your voice,

our eyes to look upon neighbors in need, and our hearts to respond with compassion,

that we might follow the way of Christ.

KYRIE

Lord have mercy. Christ have mercy. Lord have mercy.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

*GLORIA PATRI

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost;
as it was in the beginning is now, and ever shall be; world without end. Amen.

*PASSING OF THE PEACE

**Please stand*

WEST SIDE IS A WELCOMING CHURCH, ROOTED DEEPLY IN CHRIST, INVITING ALL TO CONNECT, GROW AND SERVE.

SCRIPTURE READING

Isaiah 2:2-5

ANTHEM

A Canticle of Peace

Joseph W. Clokey

And it shall come to pass in the latter day that the Lord's house shall be established
in the top of the mountain, and many shall go and say:
Come ye, and let us go into the house of the Lord,
and He will teach us His way, and we will walk in His paths.
And He shall judge between the nations, and shall reprove many nations.
And they shall beat their swords into plowshares
nation shall not lift sword against nation, neither shall they learn war anymore.
Come ye, let us walk in the light of the Lord. Come.

SCRIPTURE READING

Romans 12:14-21

SERMON

Acting Justly in an Unjust World (Part Three): The Pursuit of Peace

Rev. Marc Oehler

RESPONSE OF FAITH/PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE***HYMN #531**

Not for Tongues of Heaven's Angels

BRIDEGROOM

OFFERING

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SOLO

Worship

Geoffrey Shaw

People of God, fold to thy heart the other; where pity dwells, the peace of God is there;
to worship rightly is to love each other, each smile a hymn, each kindly deed, a prayer.
Follow with reverent steps the great example of Him whose holy work was "doing good";
so shall the wide earth seem our Father's temple, each loving life a psalm of gratitude.
The shall all shackles fall, the stormy clangor of wild war music o'er the earth shall cease;
love shall tread out the baleful fire of anger, and in its ashes, plant a tree of peace.

John Greenleaf Whittier

David Langan, bass-baritone

***DOXOLOGY**

**Praise God from whom all blessings flow; praise Christ, all people here below;
praise Holy Spirit evermore; praise Triune God whom we adore. Amen.**

THE INVITATION***THE GREAT PRAYER OF 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.**

Blessed are You, O Lord our God: **Your name is above all other names;**
Your glory is a fire that cannot be put out. Yet You come to us in mercy; You speak to us with love.
Therefore we praise You, joining our voices in the song of the universal church and the heavenly choir:

SANCTUS

Holy, holy, holy, Lord God of hosts! Heaven and earth are full of Your glory. Hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is He who comes in the name, who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest. Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is Jesus Christ, our Savior: **Jesus calls us to take up our cross and follow Him—
letting go of fear, setting our minds on holy things, and giving our whole lives for the sake of the gospel.**
Remembering Your goodness and grace, we offer ourselves to You with gratitude as we share this joyful feast.

MEMORIAL ACCLAMATION Christ has died. Christ has risen. Christ will come again.

Pour out Your Holy Spirit upon us and upon this bread and cup; make us one in the body and blood
of Jesus Christ our Lord. **By Your Spirit, help us to love and honor one another,
living in the grace of Christ that binds us together and sends us forth to witness and serve.**
Through the Lord Jesus Christ, in the unity of the Spirit, we bless you, God of glory, now and forever. **Amen.**

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

AGNUS DEI

Lamb of God, You take away the sin of the world: have mercy on us.
Lamb of God, You take away the sin of the world: have mercy on us.
Lamb of God, You take away the sin of the world: grant us Your peace.

RECEPTION OF THE ELEMENTS

COMMUNION PRAYER/THE LORD'S PRAYER

*HYMN

Lord, Make Us Servants of Your Peace

WISDOM

Lord, make us ser - vants of your peace: where there is hate, may we sow love;
Where all is doubt, may we sow faith; where all is gloom, may we sow hope;
Je - sus, our Lord, may we not seek to be con - soled, but to con - sole,

where there is hurt, may we for - give; where there is strife, may we make one.
where all is night, may we sow light; where all is tears, may we sow joy.
nor look to un - der - stand - ing hearts, but look for hearts to un - der - stand.

May we not look for love's return,
but seek to love unselfishly,
for in our giving we receive,
and in forgiving are forgiven.

Dying, we live, and are reborn
through death's dark night to endless day;
Lord, make us servants of your peace,
to wake at last in heaven's light.

CHARGE AND BLESSING

CHORAL RESPONSE

Thou Hast a Work for Me to Do

R. Walker Robson

Thou hast a work for me to do, O Lord, show it to me.
Thou hast a place for me to fill, give me grace to fill it to Thy glory.
Thou hast given me a soul to make: make Thou it for me.
And build me into Thy spiritual temple, for Jesu's sake. Amen.

POSTLUDE

*Please join us in the Narthex for a special coffee hour
to celebrate the ministries of Carol Bialkowski and Gabe Francis.*