

Seeds of Peace

Peace Forum Awards Service
Friday, 16 October, 7:00 p.m. Central Time

Janné Grover, First Presidency, presiding
Graceland Choir, Guest Musicians
Pam Robison, Organ



Welcome

Call to Awareness Responsive Reading

Reader One: God, the Eternal Creator, weeps for the poor, displaced, mistreated, and diseased of the world because of their unnecessary suffering. Such conditions are not God's will. Open your ears to hear the pleading of mothers and fathers in all nations who desperately seek a future of hope for their children. Do not turn away from them. For in their welfare resides your welfare.

All: Oh Lord, hear our prayer.

Reader Two: The earth, lovingly created as an environment for life to flourish, shudders in distress because creation's natural and living systems are becoming exhausted from carrying the burden of human greed and conflict. Humankind must awaken from its illusion of independence and unrestrained consumption without lasting consequences.

All: Oh Lord, hear our prayer.

Reader One: Let the educational and community development endeavors of the church equip people of all ages to carry the ethics of Christ's peace into all arenas of life. Prepare new generations of disciples to bring fresh vision to bear on the perplexing problems of poverty, disease, war, and environmental deterioration. Their contributions will be multiplied if their hearts are focused on God's will for creation.

All: Oh Lord, hear our prayer.

—Doctrine and Covenants 163:4 (adapted)

*Hymn *Community of Christ Sings* (CCS) 136, "This is God's Wondrous World"

*Invocation

*Response

Presentation of Human Rights Awards

Generosity Moment and Prayer

Ministry of Music - Graceland Choir

Presentation of Peace Award

Keynote - Bill McKibben

Bill McKibben is co-founder of Third Act, which mobilizes people over 60 for action on climate and justice. He's the author of *The End of Nature* and 20 other books, and has received numerous honors, including the Right Livelihood Award and Gandhi Peace Prize. Learn more at billmckibben.com.

Ministry of Music - Graceland Choir

*Hymn CCS 645, "The Trees of the Field"

*Blessing

*Sending Forth Statement

*Postlude

**Indicates please stand*

Graceland Choir is under the direction of Leah Wyman-Musick, DMA, Assistant Professor, Director of Choral and Vocal Studies, Graceland University, Lamoni, Iowa. Accompanist Jack Ergo, MM, is faculty emeritus, Graceland University, Lamoni, Iowa.

Spanish lyrics for CCS 136, “This is God’s Wondrous World” / “El mundo es de Dios”

1.

El mundo es de Dios,
escucho su cantar;
la creación entona el son
con eco celestial.
El mundo es de Dios,
el lienzo de Su paz.
De Su pincel el trazo es
en cielo, tierra y mar.

2.

El mundo es de Dios;
las aves dan loor.
Le rinde honor la luna, el sol,
la noche y el albor.
El mundo es de Dios,
refleja Su esplendor.
Cualquier rumor doquier que voy
susurra con Su voz.

3.

El mundo es de Dios.
Jamás he de olvidar:
ya sea en mal o en pesar,
el Padre vencerá.
El mundo es de Dios.
¿Por qué he de entristecer?
¡Oh, creación, a una voz
aclama a tu Rey!

Letra: Maltbie D. Babcock, 1896
Public Domain