



May 28, 2023
Pentecost Sunday
10:00 a.m.

Rev. Dr. Robert Joy, Pastor

Mrs. Judy Bott, Organist

Dr. Ray Wagner, Music Director

In the Sanctuary, On Facebook Live, Parking Lot Broadcast at 88:3 FM
Soundboard/Broadcast: Mark Frost & Chris Eisenbraun
Projectionist: Jolane Day

*Indicates an invitation to stand. If you are more comfortable being seated, please do so.
It is not a requirement at all that you stand, but many there are who enjoy doing so.

The People Gather

Prelude

The Ringing of the Bell (The bell has been used by Grace Church for many years as a means of calling all God's people to worship.)

Welcome and Announcements

We Worship the Lord in Spirit and in Truth

*Call to Worship: (Responsive, people read **bold**.)

On this day of memory we gather to sing and to pray,
we remember the past and look to the future.

On this day when the guns once fell silent,

We come before you God, seeking Your peace.

On this day of hope in the face of terror,

We come before you God, praying with all our hearts:

God our help in ages past, our hope for years to come.

Help us to find the path that leads to the Peaceable kingdom.

Open our eyes and the eyes of the nations

to find a different path through the disagreements of life in this world.

In this time of story, song, and prayer,

may we be re-committed to being people of Peace, true peace.

May we catch a vision of how the world could live together.

And so we echo the old prayers,

Make us channels of your peace.

Let there be Peace on Earth and let it begin with us! Amen

*Opening Hymn: #358

Eternal Father, Strong to Save

*Opening Prayer and the Lord's Prayer: (Responsive, people read **bold**.)

When peace is fragile, **stay with us, Lord.**

When tempers are raised, **stay with us, Lord.**

When atrocities occur, **stay with us, Lord.**

When forgiveness is rejected, **stay with us, Lord.**

When talks break down, **stay with us, Lord.**

When agreements are broken, **stay with us, Lord.**

When darkness weighs upon us, **stay with us, Lord.**

When we cannot see you, **stay with us, Lord.**

When burdens feel too heavy, **stay with us, Lord.**

When hope seems faint, **stay with us, Lord.**

When we are weak, **stay with us, Lord.**

When faith seems difficult, **stay with us, Lord,**

in your Son Jesus, who taught us to pray:

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.

*Gloria Patri #807

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, Amen.

Honoring God with Our Giving

Call to Giving

Offertory

*Doxology: #808

Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow

Praise God from whom all blessings flow; praise him, all creatures here below; praise him above, ye heavenly host: praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen.

*Prayer of Thanksgiving

We Join Our Hearts in Prayer

Sharing Our Joys and Concerns

Prayers of the People

The Hearing of the Word :

Music History:

Dr. Ray Wagner

Battle Hymn of the Republic

Hymn: #416

Mine Eyes Have Seen the Glory

Old Testament Reading:

Judges 5:1-3, 12-15a, 20-23

Sermon:

The Curse of Meroz

Sacrament of the Lord's Supper

Invitation

Great Prayer of Thanksgiving

Hymn of Preparation: #782

Come, Share the Lord

Words of Institution

Distribution of the Elements

Concluding Prayer

We Are Sent Out to Do God's Will

*Sung Benediction: (see insert)

Let There Be Peace on Earth

*Postlude

Announcements

There are Activity Bags at the entrance of the sanctuary for kids to use during the church service. Please return them at the end of the service. Enjoy!

The Women's Guild Salad Supper is Wednesday, June 7, 6:00 p.m. Please make your favorite salad and bring it to share with others. All the ladies of the church are invited to attend. Officers for the coming year will be elected.

Let There Be Peace on Earth

Let there be peace on earth
And let it begin with me.
Let there be peace on earth
The peace that was meant to be.
With God as our father
Brothers all are we.
Let me walk with my brother
In perfect harmony.

Let peace begin with me
Let this be the moment now.
With every step I take
Let this be my solemn vow.
To take each moment
And live each moment
With peace eternally.
Let there be peace on earth,
And let it begin with me.

Let There Be Peace on Earth

Let there be peace on earth
And let it begin with me.
Let there be peace on earth
The peace that was meant to be.
With God as our father
Brothers all are we.
Let me walk with my brother
In perfect harmony.

Let peace begin with me
Let this be the moment now.
With every step I take
Let this be my solemn vow.
To take each moment
And live each moment
With peace eternally.
Let there be peace on earth,
And let it begin with me.