

VIBRANT VOICES for PEACE

September 26, 2024



Call To Worship

Leader: May the God of Justice and Peace
be with all of us.

God of mercy and compassion, send your Spirit to
open my eyes that I may see the needs of others,
open my ears that I may hear their cries,
open my heart that they may not be without support.
Show me where love and hope and faith are needed,
and use me to bring them to those places
that I may, this coming day, be able to do some work of peace for thee.
Through Christ, our Lord, we pray.

All: Amen.

First Reading

1 John 3: 16-18

PSALM 121

Side 1

I lift up my eyes to the hills -
from where will my help come?
My help comes from the Lord,
who made heaven and earth.

The Lord is your keeper;
the Lord is your shade at your right hand.
The sun shall not strike you by day,
nor the moon by night.

Glory to the Father,
and to the Son,
and to the Holy Spirit.

Side 2

*God will not let your foot be moved;
He who keeps you will not slumber.
God who keeps Israel
Will neither slumber nor sleep.*

*The Lord will keep you from all evil,
God will keep your life.
The Lord will keep your going out and
coming in
From this time on and forevermore.*

*As it was in the beginning,
is now, and will be forever,
Amen.*

Second Reading

James 1: 17a, 18, 21b-22, 27

Words of Reflection

Silent Reflection

Litany

Leader: God, so many are in pain

All: *Teach us the way to peace*

Leader: When people around us don't agree and think differently

All: *Teach us to listen and try to understand*

Leader: When we see people getting hurt

All: *Teach us to speak up*

Leader: When we see people treated poorly because of their skin color, language, or religious beliefs

All: *Teach us to be an example of love and acceptance*

Leader: When we see war and conflict

All: *Teach us to stand up and seek peace*

Leader: When we see pain

All: *Teach us to bring healing*

Leader: In our lives, our neighborhoods, and the world

All: *Teach us to pray and teach us the way to peace.*

Leader: Through Christ, our Lord.

All: *Amen.*

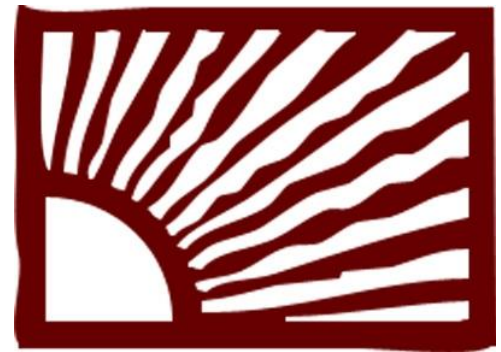
Closing Song

"This Is My Song"

Finlandia

This is my song, O God of all the nations,
a song of peace for lands afar and mine;
this is my home, the country where my heart is;
here are my hopes, my dreams, my holy shrine:
but other hearts in other lands are beating
with hopes and dreams as true and high as mine.

My country's skies are bluer than the ocean,
and sunlight beams on cloverleaf and pine;
but other lands have sunlight too, and clover,
and skies are everywhere as blue as mine:
O hear my song, thou God of all the nations,
a song of peace for their land and for mine.



Closing Prayer

Leader: Grant us, O God, a vision of your world as your love would have it;
a world where the weak are protected, and none grow hungry or poor;
a world where the riches of creation are shared, and everyone can enjoy them;
a world where different races and cultures live in harmony and mutual respect;
a world where peace is built with justice, and justice is guided by love.
Give us the inspiration and courage to build it, through Christ, our Lord.

All: Amen.

Blessing