

“Peacemakers are the ones who are not so convinced of their own truth that they are unable to see the truth in another. They do not have to make the other wrong in order to believe they are right. Peacemakers are able to entertain the idea that truth might be bigger than their own particular piece of it ... those who are open to truth in others, even when it challenges their own truth.”

–*Kathleen O’Connell Chesto, white, female, author, theologian*



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**Prelude** *Peace in the Valley, arranged by Thomas Dorsey*

**Lighting of the Candles and Ringing of the Bell**

**Welcome**

**Centering Music** *Blest Are They*

(Join songleader after verse)

Rejoice and be glad! Blessed are you, holy are you!  
Rejoice and be glad! Yours is the kingdom of God.

**Call to Community** *Jean Vanier, Canadian Catholic philosopher, theologian, founder of L’Arche, adapted*

One: A peacemaker doesn’t judge or condemn or speak badly of people.

Many: A peacemaker holds people gently, wishing them to be well and free.

One: Peacemakers relate to people who are weak and in need, opening their hearts to them.

Many: Peacemakers relate to those with whom they may have difficulty, those different from them.

One: Peacemakers approach people not from a pedestal, or from a position of power or certitude, but from a place of listening, understanding, humility and love.

Many: May we take the smallest right next step to becoming peacemakers.

**\*Opening Hymn** *Instruments of Your Peace/Handout*

**Opening Prayer** *The Prayer of St. Francis*

Lord, make me an instrument of your peace. Where there is hatred, let me sow love. Where there is injury, pardon. Where there is doubt, faith. Where there is despair, hope. Where there is darkness, light. Where there is sadness, joy. O Divine Master, grant that I may not so much seek to be consoled, as to console; To be understood, as to understand; To be loved, as to love. For it is in giving that we receive. It is in pardoning that we are pardoned, and it is in dying that we are born to eternal life. Amen.

**Assurance of Grace and Peace**

One: Peace be with you.

Many: And also with you.

One: Let us share peace with one another

**November 17, 2024**

**26th Sunday after Pentecost**

We’re so glad you’ve joined us today. Please feel free to ask any questions and participate or not in any parts of the worship service as you desire.

**Service Volunteers**

Usher: **Paul Burdick**

Greeters: **Kathleen & Peter Mueller**

Offertory & Communion: **Paul Burdick, Michael Valdez, Bernie Lopata**

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**Worship**

Sundays at 10am

**Quiet Contemplation**

Thursdays at 5pm

**Our Mission**

To grow together spiritually as progressive Christians, welcoming all, and pursuing peace, justice, love, and healing for all creation.

We demonstrate this by:

- Being Open and Affirming
- Acting as a Creation Justice Church
- Respecting and understanding all belief and faith traditions
- Recognizing and celebrating our connectedness to all peoples
- Valuing questions rather than answers

*Asterisk (\*) means stand if you wish and are comfortable doing so.*

**Congregational voice parts look like this.**

**And service music lyrics look like this.**

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**\*Passing the Peace** *Give Us Your Peace*

Give us your peace, O God; give us your peace, your peace.  
Give us your peace, O God; give us your peace, your peace.  
(last time) Give us your peace, your peace.

**A Reading from the Gospel of Matthew**

*adapted by JB Phillips, English Bible translator, Anglican clergy, spiritual leader, performer, activist, lawyer, former drag queen*

**Words of Integration & Guidance**

**Homily** **Blessed Are the Peacemakers**  
Rev. Jody Betten

**Moment of Quiet for Reflection**

**Offering and Offertory** *Paz, Salaam Shalom*  
*created by Emma's Revolution*  
Pam Chappell and Pete Wehle

**Joys and Concerns • Tibetan Prayer Bell**

One: Thanks be to God! **Many: Alleluia!**  
One: O God, **Many: Hear our prayer.**

**\*Doxology** *Song of Praise*

**Creator of this great land we adore you.**  
**Renewer of your people hear our praise.**  
**Transformer of all life, you often take us by surprise,**  
**Continue to be present in life-giving ways, Great God.**

**Celebration of Holy Communion**

One: God be with you. **Many: And also with you.**  
One: Lift up your hearts. **Many: We lift them up to God.**  
One: Let us give thanks to God. **Many: It is good to give God thanks and praise.**

**Song of Preparation** *Holy is the Refugee*

(Join songleader after verse)  
Singing holy, holy, holy God who made us in their likeness;  
Holy ev'rybody, breath and soul,  
Singing holy, holy, holy God who made us in their likeness;  
holy ev'rybody, breath and soul, breath and soul,  
ev'rybody, breath and soul, breath and soul, ev'rybody, breath and soul.

**\*Sharing of the Bread and Cup** *(gluten-free option, non-alcoholic juice in trays)*

The Bread of Life, the Gift of Heaven. **Amen.**  
The Cup of Love, the Drink of Compassion. **Amen.**

**The Lord's Prayer**

Our Creator who is in heaven, hallowed be your name. Your kingdom come, your will be done, on Earth as it is in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us. Lead us not into temptation, and deliver us from evil. For yours is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory forever. Amen.

**We Go to Bring Love to the World**

**\*Hymn of Sending** *Sing the World God Imagines/Handout*

**\*Benediction**

**Postlude** *Peace Train, Yusef Islam*



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**Prayer List**

Dee, Anne Dooley's daughter; Dan McGavin and family; Barbara Lindsay (Lewis Corbin's Bridge Partner); Rev. Marchiene Rienstra Family; Karen Clement (Friend of Debra Carr's); Ann and Jim Hopkins; Sally LaRowe (Linda Charvat's friend); Janice Campbell children & grandchildren (Pete Wehle's friends); James Higgins (Friend of Shane Anderson and Michael Tuleja), Joe Scarpone (Friend of Tom Fahlstrom); Fred Hamlin; John Kerr; Dave and Shirley Lawson; Ruth Fahlstrom (daughter of Tom Fahlstrom); Nancy Grib (Friend of Pamela Chappell); Stuart Family; Mary Westenbroek; Jerry Elpers and family (Beth Howley's Dad); Edie Plantinga (Nancy's Mom); Max Matteson; Eric Cooley (Jo Cooley's brother)

**Birthdays**

**November 17: Arturo Inda**  
**November 19: Marcel Westenbroek**  
**November 20: Linda Riekse**  
**November 21: Peter Mueller**  
**November 22: Mary Hasenauer, Stephen D. Prokop**

**Weekly Financial Stewardship Report**

for November 10, 2024

Attendance: **77** Viewers: **146**  
October Podcast Downloads: **6,833**

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| Collection Plate/Mail: | <b>\$2,935.05</b> |
| Online Giving:         | <b>\$1,375.00</b> |
| Total:                 | <b>\$3,757.05</b> |



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# Instruments of Your Peace

## Opening Song

Sherri Hansen

God, make us in - stru - ments of your peace.

3

Wherev - er there is ha - tred let us sow the seeds of love.

5

God, help us heal the hurt\_ with your grace.

7

Wher - ev - er there are doubt - ing hearts\_ let us

8

sow the seeds\_ of faith.

10

God make us in - stru - ments\_ of your peace,  
(2nd time instrumental solo)

12

To those who are in de - spair let us be a bea con of hope.

14

God, where there's dark, let us shine Your\_ light

16

Wherever there is sad - ness let us bring to them your joy. O  
O

2

19




God, grant that we may give instead of take, that  
God, grant that we may give instead of take, that

21




dai - ly we may die to our - selves. We con -  
dai - ly we may die to our selves. In

23



sole when we are hurt, un - der stand when we are wronged and  
giv - ing we re - ceive, in for - giv - ing, are for - giv - en and in

25



love e - ven when we are un - loved.  
dy - ing we will live e - ter - nal ly.

28



God, make us in - stru - ments of your peace.

30




Wherev - er there is ha - tred let us sow the seeds of love.

32




God, help us heal the hurt with your grace.

34



Wher - ev - er there are doubt - ing hearts let us sow the seeds of faith.

36



God, make us in - stru - ments of your peace.

# Sing the World God Imagines

## Closing Song

Carol Meier

1. Can you im-ag - ine a world filled with peace,\_\_\_ where  
2. Can we en - vi - sion a plan - et that thrives\_\_\_ where  
5 3. Can we em - bod - y God's love on this earth,\_\_\_ by  
bro-ken are men - ded and cap-tives re - leased,\_\_\_ where just-tice re - pla  
all of cre-a - tion is ful - ly a - live\_\_\_ where crea-ture and cli  
10 ser-ving our neigh - bor, up - hold-ing their worth,\_\_\_ by find-ing God's im  
- ces op - pres-sion and greed,\_\_\_ and all have what they need?\_  
- mate are ten-ded with care,\_\_\_ and ac - tion grows from prayer?  
- age in each one re-vealed?\_\_\_ With love, this world is healed..

**Refrain**

15 \_\_\_ Let us sing the world\_\_\_ God im - ag - ines, lift this  
\_\_\_  
21 \_\_\_  
dream as bea - con and call. May we, by Love\_\_\_ im -  
27 \_\_\_ 1. 2 \_\_\_ 3.  
-pas - sioned,\_\_\_ fash - ion this world for all. all,  
34 \_\_\_  
a world of love for all.