



*God Has Work for Us to Do: Let There Be Peace on Earth
Memorial Day Remembrance*

**Order of Worship
May 29, 2022
Seventh Sunday of Easter
10:00 AM**

*10:00 Online Worship
YouTube Channel "Harmony UMCVA"*

GATHERING AND PRAISE

A Call to Silence

Our modern life can be summed up in the words hurry and worry. All the modern conveniences and technologies have not given us more time for being quiet or for worshipping. Everyone is busy and in a hurry. In the midst of this noisy, frenzied life, a call to silence seems almost ridiculous. Yet the call comes from the highest of authorities: "Be still, and know that I am God" (Ps. 46:10). For 15 minutes prior to the start of worship, you are urged to sit in quiet reverence before God. Use this time to feel the Holy Spirit's presence and to prepare your heart for worship.

Welcome

Prelude

Come Unto Me

Rasley

The Call to Worship

Choir

*There's a voice, strong and clear,
Ringing out far and near,
"Let justice roll down, let justice roll down!"
Like the rush of a stream,
Comes a powerful dream,
Let justice roll down, justice roll down.*

Call to Worship

Susan Whitman

Christ sets before us this day life and death
and calls for us to choose life that we and our children may live.

We accept life, so teach us to live.

Christ sets before us this day the challenge to seek peace and to pursue it.

We accept the challenge of peace, so enable us to pursue it.

Christ sets before us this day the call to be peacemakers;

to proclaim the gospel of Jesus Christ to a suffering world.

We gather to embody God's love and desire for peace for all people;

to hear and give voice to creation's cry for justice and peace.

We gather to name and confront the influence of evil within and among us;

to repent of our silence and complicity with the powers of chaos and death.

We gather to join with the troubled and hurting people of the world
in the struggle for freedom and peace;

to work for justice, healing and wholeness of life.

We gather to embrace the unity of God's people and Christ's church;

to make peace a reality.

Choir

*Roll down! Roll down, justice!
Roll like an ever flowing stream.
Roll down! Roll down, justice.
Roll like an ever-flowing stream,
flowing stream, roll down.*

The Peace of Christ

Peace be with you!

And also with you!

Let us pass the peace of Christ with those around us.

Hymn

For the Healing of the Nations

UMH 428

See last page for words

Children's Time

The Language of Peace

Pastor Debra

Memorial Day Prayer

Pastor Debra

The Lord's Prayer

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 trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation

but deliver us from evil, for thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory forever.
Amen.

Ministry of Music

Jesus Is the Living Stone

Choir

PROCLAMATION AND RESPONSE

Prayer for Illumination (All Praying)

Susan Whitman

Guide us, O God, by your Word, and Holy Spirit, that in your light we may see light, in your truth find freedom, and in your will discover peace; through Christ our Lord, Amen.

Old Testament Reading

Jeremiah 31:15-16

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This is what the Lord says:

“A voice is heard in Ramah,
mourning and great weeping,
Rachel weeping for her children
and refusing to be comforted,
because they are no more.”

This is what the Lord says:

“Restrain your voice from weeping
and your eyes from tears,
for your work will be rewarded,”
declares the Lord.

“They will return from the land of the enemy.

¹⁷ So there is hope for your descendants,”

declares the Lord.

“Your children will return to their own land.

New Testament Reading

Romans 12:9-21

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Love in Action

9 Love must be sincere. Hate what is evil; cling to what is good. 10 Be devoted to one another in love. Honor one another above yourselves. 11 Never be lacking in zeal, but keep your spiritual fervor, serving the Lord. 12 Be joyful in hope, patient in affliction, faithful in prayer. 13 Share with the Lord’s people who are in need. Practice hospitality.

14 Bless those who persecute you; bless and do not curse. 15 Rejoice with those who rejoice; mourn with those who mourn. 16 Live in harmony with one another. Do not be proud, but be willing to associate with people of low position. Do not be conceited.

17 Do not repay anyone evil for evil. Be careful to do what is right in the eyes of everyone.

18 If it is possible, as far as it depends on you, live at peace with everyone. 19 Do not take

Benediction

Pastor Debra

Jesus taught us, "Blessed are the peacemakers."
May God grant you the vision, strength, and courage
to proclaim God's message of peace
whether welcome or unwelcome,
for the sake of God's beloved children.

May almighty God bless you,
the Father, and the Son, and the Holy Spirit. Amen.

Benediction Song

*May peace flow thorough me
as music through an instrument.
Let it flow through me
like the warmth of the sun.
May peace flow through me
so that I may be a vessel
Of the love of God for everyone,
for everyone.*

Postlude

Come, Thou Almighty King

Giardini

For the Healing of the Nations

*For the healing of the nations,
Lord, we pray with one accord;
for a just and equal sharing
of the things that earth affords;
To a life of love in action
help us rise and pledge our word,
help us rise and pledge our word.*

*Lead us forward into freedom;
from despair your world release,
that, redeemed from war and hatred,
all may come and go in peace.
Show us how through care and goodness
fear will die and hope increase,
fear will die and hope increase.*

*All that kills abundant living,
let it from the earth be banned;
pride of status, race, or schooling,
dogmas that obscure your plan.
In our common quest for justice
may we hallow life's brief span,
may we hallow life's brief span.*

*You, Creator God, have written
your great name on humankind;
for our growing in your likeness
bring the life of Christ to mind,
that by our response and service
earth its destiny may find,
earth its destiny may find.*

His Eye Is on the Sparrow

*Why should I feel discouraged?
Why should the shadows come?
Why should my heart be lonely
and long for heaven and home,
When Jesus is my portion?
My constant friend is he:
His eye is on the sparrow,
and I know he watches me;
his eye is on the sparrow,
and I know he watches me.
I sing because I'm happy,
I sing because I'm free,
for his eye is on the sparrow,
and I know he watches me.*

*"Let not your heart be troubled,"
his tender word I hear,
and resting on his goodness,
I lose my doubts and fears;
though by the path he leadeth
but one step I may see;
His eye is on the sparrow,
and I know he watches me;
his eye is on the sparrow,*

*and I know he watches me.
I sing because I'm happy,
I sing because I'm free,
for his eye is on the sparrow,
and I know he watches me.*

*Whenever I am tempted,
whenever clouds arise,
when song give place to sighing,
when hope within me dies,
I draw the closer to him,
from care he sets me free:
His eye is on the sparrow,
and I know he watches me;
his eye is on the sparrow,
and I know he watches me.
I sing because I'm happy,
I sing because I'm free,
for his eye is on the sparrow,
and I know he watches me.*

Jesus is The Living Stone

*He is Jesus, Rock of Ages;
Our Messiah, the Prince of Peace;
Lord, our refuge, strength and power,
And His love will never cease.
He is Alpha and Omega;
The Beginning and the End!
Our Redeemer, Master, Savior,
Jesus, Comforter and Friend.
Jesus is the firm foundation,
For our sins His blood atones.
He's the Rock, the mighty fortress,
Jesus is the Living Stone.*



*The foundation never wavered,
Like an anchor through every storm;
He's the Rock of our salvation;
Jesus calms the raging storm.*

*Yesterday, today, forever,
His love reaches every man;
From His birth to heaven's glory,
Jesus Christ, the Great I Am!
Jesus is the firm foundation,
For our sins His blood atones.
He's the Rock, the mighty fortress,
Jesus is the Living Stone.
He's the Rock, the mighty fortress,
He is our God, the Living Stone,
He is the Living Stone!*