

My flesh will live in hope.

Acts 2:26

I bless the LORD who gives me counsel.

Psalms 16:7

God has given us a new birth into a living hope.

1 Peter 1:3

“Peace be with you.”

John 20:21

Preacher

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Special Music

Handbell Choir

Tech Support

Mark Nutwell

To Our Guests

We are glad you are with us. Please sign the guest book by the front door and fill in a visitor’s card from the pew pocket. After the service enjoy a cup of fair trade coffee with friends in the Fellowship Hall.

THE FONT OF IDENTITY

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Introit (2x)

The peace of the earth be with you.

The peace of the heavens, too.

The peace of the rivers be with you.

The peace of the oceans, too.

Deep peace falling over you;

God’s peace growing in you.

Proclamation

In life and death we belong to God.

Through the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ,
the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit,

we trust in the one triune God,
whom alone we worship and serve.

Easter Alleluia

Jesus says, “Peace I leave with you; my peace I give you. ...

Do not let your hearts be troubled;

neither let them be afraid.”

***+Hymn 623**

“I’ve Got Peace Like a River”

Prayer for Peace

When despair for the world grows in me
and I wake in the night at the least sound
in fear of what my life and my children’s lives
may be,

I go and lie down where the wood drake
rests in his beauty on the water, and the great
heron feeds.

I come into the peace of wild things
who do not tax their lives with forethought
of grief. I come into the presence of still water.

And I feel above me the day-blind stars
waiting with their light.

For a time

I rest in the grace of the world, and am free.

Kyrie 579

Kyrie eleison. Kyrie eleison. Kyrie eleison.

Christe eleison ...

Kyrie eleison ...

Declaration of Grace and Gratitude

***+Alleluia 587 (2x)**

Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

Blessing the World

Kenya, Tanzania

+Response 188, v.1

First Pew

+Response 188, v.2

Welcome and Parish Life

THE WORD OF HOPE

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Reading

Interlude

Lesson

John 20:19-21

Sermon

“Messengers of Peace”

***Response (2x)**

(see insert)

THE BREAD OF LIFE

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Prayer for Others

Offering Our Gifts

Offertory

“Fantasia of Wondrous Love”

Xavier Hersom

***Acclamation**

With believers in every time and place
we rejoice that nothing in life or in death
can separate us from the love of God
in Christ Jesus, our Lord

† † †

***Sending 383**

*Dream on, dream on, children of peace,
till on earth God’s kingdom come.*

*Hope on, hope on, Easter people:
beyond the cross a dawning sun!*

***Postlude**

Not one of us can rest, be happy, be at home, be at peace with ourselves, until we end hatred and division.

John Lewis

Peace is not the highest goal in life. It is the most fundamental requirement.

Sadhguru

Great is peace since all other blessings are included in it.

Vayikrah Rabbah 9

Peace is the hand of God touching your aching soul.

Crystal Roberts

**Please rise in body and spirit.*

Prayer for Peace

Wendell Berry

Lesson Translation

New Revised

Standard Version

Prayer for Others

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Sunday, April 16 • Second Sunday of Eastertide

Acts 2:14a, 22-32; Psalm 16; 1 Peter 1:3-9; John 20:19-31

- 8:30 a.m. Early Service Worship - Sanctuary
- 9:30 a.m. Sunday Seminar - Fellowship Hall/Hybrid
- 11:00 a.m. Service of Worship - Sanctuary and Facebook Live!
Sunday Studio - Children K-5th Grade - Classroom 1
- 12:30 p.m. Youth Group Gathering - Fellowship Hall
- 1:00 p.m. Friends of Music Rehearsal - Fellowship Hall/Sanctuary
- 3:00 p.m. Friends of Music Concert - Sanctuary

Monday, April 17

- 6:30 p.m. Eastern Panhandle Youth Alliance (EPYA) - Fellowship Hall

Wednesday, April 19

- 4:30 p.m. Mission Committee Meeting- Fellowship Hall
- 7:30 p.m. Choir Rehearsal - Choir Room

Sunday, April 23 • Third Sunday of Eastertide

Acts 2:14a, 36-41; Psalm 116:1-4, 12-19; 1 Peter 1:17-23; Luke 24:13-35

- 8:30 a.m. Early Service Worship - Sanctuary
- 9:30 a.m. Sunday Seminar - Fellowship Hall/Hybrid
- 11:00 a.m. Service of Worship - Sanctuary and Facebook Live!
Sunday Studio - Children K-5th Grade - Classroom 1

MUSIC IN WORSHIP: The Introit is from Guatemala. The Opening Hymn is an African American Spiritual. The Kyrie is a Russian Orthodox chant. The Alleluia is a traditional liturgical text set to a Celtic tune. The Response to Blessing the World and First Pew is a mid 19th Century song of faith. The Sermon Hymn is from the American folksong music of the mid 20th Century. The Sending is a future-oriented Korean composition.

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Eastertide
Second Sunday

April 16, 2023
11:00 a.m.

Making Peace

A voice from the dark called out,
‘The poets must give us
imagination of peace, to oust the intense, familiar
imagination of disaster. Peace, not only
the absence of war.’

But peace, like a poem,
is not there ahead of itself,
can’t be imagined before it is made,
can’t be known except
in the words of its making,
grammar of justice,
syntax of mutual aid.

A feeling towards it,
dimly sensing a rhythm, is all we have
until we begin to utter its metaphors,
learning them as we speak. ...

Denise Levertov

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