

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.

The Offering with Prayer

Please continue to be faithful with your financial gifts by sending your stewardship contribution to the church office to the attention of the Financial Secretary, Ed Brewster.

New Testament Reading Romans 12:1-2, 9-21

Gospel Reading Matthew 25:31-46

Sermon "How Should We Respond?" Rev. Hoyte Wilhelm

Holy Communion

Closing Hymn *Let There Be Peace on Earth* UMH 431
Vocalist: Debra Chermonte

Benediction

Friends, go from here filled with the breath of our creator, plant a garden of justice and peace, and infuse the earth with the grace of the Lord, Jesus Christ, the love of God and the communion of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

Postlude *Echo Alleluia* Richard Blake

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June 7, 2020 Peace with Justice and Trinity Sunday

Welcome and Passing of the Peace

Ministries and Missions Announcements

Prelude *Amazing Grace* arr. George Shearing

Call to Worship (Genesis 1:1-2:4a, Psalm 8) Chris Byrns

- L: Sovereign God, how majestic is your name in all the earth.
You created plants, trees, and water that nurture and nourish,
- P: and you declared it very good!**
- L: You created fish, birds, and mammals in a perfect balance,
- P: and you declared it very good!**
- L: You created us in the diversity of your image,
- P: and you declared it very good!**
- L: You breathed your breath into all of creation,
- P: and, indeed, it is very good!**

Old Testament Reading Micah 6:1-8

Opening Prayer

Sovereign God, we give thanks for the majestic creation that you called good. Open our hearts and minds to be creators of your peace with justice. Remind us of the responsibility with which you entrusted us to care for the work of your hands. Move us to repair what is broken in your world and to plant holy seeds so that your garden will flourish once again. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

Opening Hymn

This Is My Father's World
Vocalist: Debra Chermonte

UMH 144

Our Social Creed

We believe in God, Creator of the world; and in Jesus Christ, the Redeemer of creation. We believe in the Holy Spirit, through whom we acknowledge God's gifts, and we repent of our sin in misusing these gifts to idolatrous ends. We affirm the natural world as God's handiwork and dedicate ourselves to its preservation, enhancement, and faithful use by humankind. We joyfully receive for ourselves and others the blessings of community, sexuality, marriage, and the family. We commit ourselves to the rights of men, women, children, youth, young adults, the aging, and people with disabilities; to improvement of the quality of life; and to the rights and dignity of all persons. We believe in the right and duty of persons to work for the glory of God and the good of themselves and others and in the protection of their welfare in so doing; in the rights to property as a trust from God, collective bargaining, and responsible consumption; and in the elimination of economic and social distress. We dedicate ourselves to peace throughout the world, to the rule of justice and law among nations, and to individual freedom for all people of the world. We believe in the present and final triumph of God's Word in human affairs and gladly accept our commission

to manifest the life of the gospel in the world. Amen.

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Prayers of the People

Prayer Concerns (on announcements page)

Call to Prayer

Bless the Lord

Jacques Berthier

Guitarist: Andy Walsh

Pastoral Prayer

Call to Reconciliation

The Creator gave us authority over all that was good, and we have fallen short. We are invited to turn to God and ask for forgiveness.

Prayer of Confession

God of justice and peace, we know that you created us in the diversity of your image but still we refuse to see you reflected in the face of our neighbor who lacks adequate health care, experiences hunger, or doesn't have a home. We don't see your image in the face of our neighbor who has a different skin tone, worships in a different tradition, or speaks in a language we don't understand. Forgive us for lashing out from our sense of scarcity and greed, ignorance and fear. Turn us around to be peacemakers and justice builders, recognizing the abundance and balance of your garden. Amen.

Words of Assurance (2 Corinthians 13:11-13)

Paul writes to the church in Corinth, "agree with one another, live in peace; and the God of love and peace will be with you." In our faithfulness, we know that Jesus forgives us and guides us back to the garden path.

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.