

And we pray, honestly, for ourselves, for the Nineveh each of us carries, the person or the people we cannot yet wish well. You know their names. Widen us until we can pray for them and mean it.

Gather now into your keeping all whom we name before you in the silence of our hearts, the ill, the grieving, the war-weary, and those for whom peace this morning feels very far away.
(silence)

And now, with the words Jesus taught those he loved, we pray together...

Lord's Prayer (found on VU p.921)

****Hymn:** Let There Be Peace On Earth

We Go into the World to Share God's Love

Sending Forth

Go in peace, and let your mercy grow wider. May the God of compassion, Christ our peace, and the Spirit who enlarges the heart go with you, now and always.

We will strive side by side, with one spirit, for the peace of God. Amen.

Now ends our time of worship

And begins our time of service.

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Pianist: Videos (B) (W)

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Please join in reading aloud the text in Bold

****Please Stand**

Welcome

Life of the Church Community (Announcements)

Acknowledgement of Indigenous Territory

Lighting of the Christ Candle

Call to Worship

Opening Prayer

****Hymn:** VU # 684 – Make Me A Channel of Your Peace

Passing of the Peace

The peace of Christ be with you
And also with you

Prayer for Transformation

Merciful God, you call us into the way of peace, yet our hearts are often guarded and our compassion small. We seek peace for ourselves while withholding it from others, cling to old wounds, excuse our bitterness, and place some people beyond our concern. Forgive the peace we have refused, the mercy we have rationed, and the divisions we have helped preserve.

God's mercy is wider than our failure. In Christ, we are forgiven, restored, and called to begin again.

Thanks be to God. Amen.

Theme Time

****Hymn:** United We Dance UCCan – I Love It

We Listen for God's Voice

Loving God, you speak to us in so many ways.

Speak to us now through the reading of the scriptures.

Focus Scripture: Jonah 3: 10 - 4: 11 and Philipians 1: 21-30
(Common English Bible)

This is the trustworthy witness of God's faithful people through the ages,

The divine word to us today. Amen.

Sermon: Rev. Franklyn James "Are you Jonah or are you Paul?"

****Hymn:** United We Dance UCCan – I Love You

God Invites Us to Respond in Faith and Hope

Mission and Service: Crossing Class Lines

Invitation to the Offering

****Offering Response:** VU # 543 – We Give Thee But Thine Own
(First Verse)

****Prayer of Dedication**

God whose mercy has cattle in it and enemies in it and even us in it, take these gifts and widen them. Turn coins into bread, and bread into peace, and peace into a world where Jonah's grudge and Paul's chains are equally undone. We give as people learning your generosity. Amen.

Prayers of the People

God of mercy, on this day the world has set aside for peace we bring you the places where peace has failed: the war zones whose names we know and the ones we have already forgotten, the households where the fighting is quiet and constant, the borders and the boardrooms and the broken friendships. Where the guns are loud, silence them. Where the cruelty is quiet, expose it.

Grant peace, O God, not the thin peace of exhaustion, but the deep peace of justice, where the hungry are fed and the frightened are safe and the earth itself is allowed to rest.

We pray for the peacemakers, the ones the world calls naive: the negotiators and the aid workers, the neighbours who refuse to hate, the young who still believe it is possible. Cast their coins into bells. Keep them from despair.