

Friday evening worship: Colossians 3:12-17

*Let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts. Be thankful... whatever you do, do it in the name of Jesus*

One Thing Remains

We Are One In The Spirit

Call to Worship

You are God's family, created in God's image, members of the Beloved Community

**We are clothed with compassion and humility. We are wrapped tightly in kindness and quiet strength.**

Pour out your spirit of wisdom and truth.

**May all we do with our hands, our hearts and lives be done in the Name of Jesus, in service and in love for one another and the Beloved Community.**

Let us worship God!

You Are My Vision

Call to Confession

Friends and neighbors, brothers, sisters and siblings, God knows our needs before we ask. Let us open our lives to God's healing presence, forsaking all that separates us from God and from one another.

Let us confess to God whatever has wounded us or brought injury to others, that we may receive mercy and become for each other ministers of God's grace.

Prayer of Confession

You are God's people, God's saints, God's beloved community.

Clothe yourselves, therefore, with compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness, and patience with one another.

**Christ, work in my heart. Help me to love others as generously as you love me.**

Be tolerant of one another. Be forgiving when someone offends you or treats you wrongly.

Just as Christ has forgiven you, so you must forgive one another.

**Christ, work in my heart. Help me to forgive others as freely as you have forgiven me.**

Clothe yourselves, above all, with love, which will join you together in perfect unity.

We have been called to be one body; therefore, let Christ's peace govern our hearts.

**Christ, work in our hearts. Help us to live in perfect unity with all whom we have called into our church.**

Together, let us gratefully make room— ample room— for Christ's word to live in our hearts.

Challenge each other to live up to Christ's teachings, and learn wisdom from one another.

**Christ, work in our hearts. Help us to live truly Christlike lives. Help us to be teachable.**

## Assurance of Forgiveness

It is said many different ways: (*multiple voices/translations- peace to you*)

Vrede

Viv ak ke poze

Asiti

Paz

Salaam

Eirene

(Sign language)

Amanti

Santi

### **Peace to you**

Jesus breathes the powerful Spirit of Peace on all gathered in the Upper Room. That same Spirit lives and moves in all of our lives each and every day. It is this Spirit that unites us together, brothers, sisters and siblings, and we rejoice, for in Jesus Christ, we are forgiven and empowered with peace.

## Passing of the Peace

Song: Peace Like a river

## Prayer of Illumination

Sung Prayer of Illumination- Listen to the Word

Scripture Reading Read responsively with audience Colossians 3:12-17 (the Message version)

12-14 So, chosen by God for this new life of love, dress in the wardrobe God

picked out for you: compassion, kindness, humility, quiet strength,

discipline. Be even-tempered, content with second place, quick to forgive an

offense. Forgive as quickly and completely as the Master forgave you. And

regardless of what else you put on, wear love. It's your basic, all-purpose

garment. Never be without it.

15-17 Let the peace of Christ keep you in tune with each other, in step with

each other. None of this going off and doing your own thing. And cultivate

thankfulness. Let the Word of Christ—the Message—have the run of the house. Give it plenty of room in your lives. Instruct and direct one another using good common sense. And sing, sing your hearts out to God! Let every detail in your lives—words, actions, whatever—be done in the name of the Master, Jesus, thanking God the Father every step of the way.

SERMON

RESPONSE SONG: The Missing Peace

Prayers of the People:

Lord, Listen to your Children praying

Oh God of ages past who reached out your hand to us. Thank you for the miracle of life itself— for the intricacies of our bodies the complex way our emotions guide us. Thank you for the spirit you have given us.

We praise you God for we remember that our lives, our spirits are connected to each other in ways that we can't even imagine. For our common story of love, joy, sorrow, struggle and fear. For the ways that you have entered our lives in a place we never thought we'd find you. We praise you when the minutes seem suspended as we stand in awe of your creation, of the words offered to us by friends, of a peace that stills our hearts.

Refrain- Lord, listen to your children praying.

We praise you God for being one who hears our grumbling prayers split out of frustration, confusion or deep despair. For you hear our cries for help when all they are simply a sigh We pray for those who can't find the words themselves. Give power to your healing. Give strength in our weakness. Give understanding where there is none. Give compassion where hearts are hardened. Give humility where egos get in the way. Give hope where despair seems to prevail.

By the power of the spirit show us how to dance. Show us how to let go so that we can feel your redemption working. Show us how to let go and rest assured that you offer us freedom. Show us how to shake loose whatever binds us. When we see our brother or sister held down give us the strength to reach out and show them your freedom.

As we pray as you have taught us saying...

Our Father in heaven,  
hallowed be your name,  
your kingdom come,  
your will be done,  
on earth as in heaven.  
Give us today our daily bread.  
Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us.  
Save us from the time of trial, and deliver us from evil.  
For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours,  
now and forever. Amen

Refrain- Lord listen to your children praying