



# SEEKING PEACE TOGETHER

## Peace With Others

July 9, 2023

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### OPENING TO GOD'S PRESENCE

*The chime is rung as a call to worship, to set aside distractions to find rest in God, who invites us here.*

Prelude

Welcome

### CALL TO WORSHIP

Our help is in the name of the Lord our God,  
the Maker of heaven and earth,  
who comes to our aid in times of need,  
who gives us the courage to do what we know is right,  
who invites us to turn away from the influences  
of the world around us  
and confess Him alone as Saviour and Lord.  
This is our God!  
Let's worship together.

PRAYER

HYMN *Sing Praise to God Who Reigns* VT 101

Passing the Peace & Fellowship Greeting

HYMN *Sing a New World Into Being* VT 809

### TELLING GOD'S STORY

Scripture Reading *Philippians 2:1-11; Romans 12:1-2*

Children's Time

HYMN *God Who Touches Earth with Beauty* VT 550

Sermon

Music for Meditation

## SHARING OUR STORIES

Prayers of the People & The Lord's Prayer

Announcements

## LIVING GODS' STORY

HYMN *Take My Life, and Let It Be* VT 759

Benediction

Postlude

Summer Worship Series – Seeking Peace Together: written by Joanna Harader from Peace Mennonite in Lawrence, KS (a sister church in Western District Conference). Published by MennoMedia.

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# Welcome!

We are so glad you all are here!!

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The Christ Candle and Peace Lamp are lit each Sunday as a visible sign of our trust in God's presence-with-us, and our commitment to allow the peace of Christ to grow and rule in our hearts, minds and lives.

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*Your offerings are received, with gratitude, in the offering box on the table at the back of the sanctuary.*

*You can also now donate electronically on our website.*

***Thank you for your generosity shown in many ways!***

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Sound: Adam Pounds

Livestream: Joel Iwashige

Nursery Attendant: Russell & Julie Goering

Ushers: Cheryl Warkentin & Marlene Thode

Organist: Pauline Buller

Worship Leader, Children's Time: Michaela Esau

Scripture Reader: DeAnna Goering

Sermon: Katerina Gea, Wild Church Pastor and organizer of the

Coalition to Dismantle the Doctrine of Discovery

Prayers of the People: Pastor Tonya Ramer Wenger

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**TODAY in Worship:** - Katerina Gea, Wild Church pastor and organizer of the Coalition to Dismantle the Doctrine of Discovery, will reflect on the theme of decolonization as a way of seeking peace together (the theme of our summer worship series). What does seeking peace mean for the Church and for those who have inherited land, wealth or privilege secured by violence against others? The "Christ Hymn" of Philippians 2:1-11 will guide Katerina's sharing as she explores Jesus' relinquishment of power for the sake of love. Katerina will invite us to consider the parallel verses in Romans 12:1-2 as a call to decolonize in the way of Jesus with the "living sacrifice" of our lives.

**11:00am Potluck** with our guests who are here to attend the annual meeting of the Coalition to Dismantle the Doctrine of Discovery. Meetings continue this afternoon and Monday.

**11:30am** during the potluck, Michaela Esau will share about her MVS experience in Tucson AZ. We'll conclude by 12:30pm.

**Mennonite Friendship Communities TRIVIA NIGHT**

Did you know that one of the names that was considered when Mennonite Friendship Communities was built was Brother Beacon Retirement Home? Or how about that they served a benefit dinner in 1973 and charged \$1.25 per meal? These are just some of the fun facts that will be part of the MFC Trivia Night. Please come join us on Sunday, July 16<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 pm in the Sunnyside Dining Room for a fun-filled event. Besides watching teams compete at trivia, we will also have popcorn and cookies. We hope to see you there!



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**COMING UP:**

**Monday July 10 @ 6:30pm – Craft Night (Fellowship Hall)**

**Saturday July 15 @ 2:00pm – Lola Beth Ediger Memorial Service**

**Saturday July 22 – FMC serves at Christian Soup Ministry**  
(volunteers please sign up – we need extra help this month)

***Mark your calendar!***

October 29 – FMC's budget meeting

December 3 – FMC's annual meeting

*Details to come.*