



SEEKING PEACE TOGETHER

Peace With Others: *Jacob and Esau*

Peacemakers Forgive

July 16, 2023

Lord,
Give me the strength to endure
the imperfections of the human condition.
Create within me a reservoir of forgiveness.
Guide me past the bitter pain of betrayal
toward the peace that I may find only in you.
AMEN *

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 (based on Colossians 3:12-15)

Leader: We gather as God's people, holy and beloved.

Group 1: When so many are indifferent, we gather with
compassion.

Group 2: *When so many are cruel,
we gather with kindness.*

Group 1: When so many boast, we gather with humility.

*Group 2: When so many seek vengeance,
we gather with meekness.*

Group 1: When so many rush and hurry, we gather with
patience.

*Group 2: We gather together as God's holy
and beloved people.*

Leader: Let us bear with one another and forgive one another.

Group 1: Even as Jesus bears with us.

Group 2: Even as Jesus forgives us.

Leader: Above all, let us clothe ourselves with love,

ALL: WHICH BINDS EVERYTHING TOGETHER
IN PERFECT HARMONY.

Leader: As we worship together, may the peace of Christ
rule in our hearts.

Prayer

HYMN *Jesus Calls Us* VT 30

Passing the Peace & Fellowship Greeting

TELLING GOD'S STORY

HYMN *Will You Let Me Be Your Servant* VT 778

Scripture Reading *Genesis 33:1-17*

Children's Time

HYMN *Together* VT 389

Sermon

Music for Meditation

*During this time, you are invited to come forward to light a candle as an expression of the prayers
for forgiveness you are carrying, and/or for other prayers rising up within you.*

SHARING OUR STORIES

Prayers of the People & The Lord's Prayer

Announcements

LIVING GODS' STORY

HYMN *Go My Friends in Grace* VT 810

Benediction

Postlude ... *receive the postlude as a musical blessing*

Summer Worship Series – Seeking Peace Together: written by Joanna Harader from Peace
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*Prayer written by Vicki Shurelds, from *Timbrel Magazine* 2009 Bible Study

Welcome!

We are so glad you all are here!!

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.

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!

Sound: Earl Ediger
Livestream: Jay Gehring
Nursery Attendant: Cindy Kroeker
Ushers: Glenda & Rick Hooper
Pianist: Peggy Stucky
Guitar: Bryan Kehr
Worship Leader: Carol Moore
Children's Time: Gardell and Peggy Stucky
Scripture Reader: Jennalee Boggs
Sermon: Pastor Tonya Ramer Wenger
Song Leader: Jonathan Wenger

TODAY: Fellowship time following worship. Sunday School for preschool-grade 6 and Youth begins at 11:00am.

TONIGHT! 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 16th at 6:30 pm in the Sunnydell 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!

MARK YOUR CALENDARS!!

August 13 – Back to School Blessing of the Backpacks

August 27 – Celebration of Communion in Worship

October 29 – FMC's Budget Meeting

December 3 – FMC'S Annual Meeting



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