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June 4, 2023 **Trinity and Peace with Justice Sunday**

THOUGHT FOR THE DAY

“Clap your hands all you people! Sing to God with songs of joy! Go forth praising God, who reigns on high!”

PRELUDE

GATHERING Words of welcome and announcements



***SHARING THE PEACE OF CHRIST**

Lord, we come to celebrate the great good news of your love. Let this love be wrapped in justice and peace for all.

***CALL TO WORSHIP (responsively)**

L: Welcome this day to a celebration of God's magnificent creation!

P: Thanks be to God the Creator who has loaned to us such a beautiful planet.

L: Welcome this day to a recognition of God's redeeming love!

P: Thanks to God the Redeemer who has given us God's only Son as our Example and Teacher, Our Savior and Redeemer!

L: Welcome this day to the joy of God's Holy Spirit of truth and power!

P: Thanks to God the Sustainer who walks with us every day, guiding and guarding our steps. Amen.

***OPENING HYMN**

“Morning Has Broken”

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1. Morning has broken, like the first morning, blackbird has spoken, like the first bird. Praise for the singing, praise for the morning, praise for them springing fresh from the word.

2. Sweet the rain's new fall, sunlit from heaven, like the first dew fall on the first grass. Praise for the sweetness of the wet garden, sprung in completeness where His feet pass.

3. Mine is the sunlight, mine is the morning, born of the one light Eden saw play. Praise with elation, praise every morning, God's re-creation of the new day.

INVOCATION (unison)

Merciful and Just God, we gather here this morning, each of us with many concerns on our hearts. Our hearts are concerned with systems of injustice which strip people of their dignity and their very lives. Help us to be those who would seek peace with justice, who would fight for those who are oppressed, offer voices for the voiceless and dignity for all humankind. Be with us this day and guide our steps toward a more just world in your name. Amen.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Let us lift our prayers in thoughts of praise.

SILENT PRAYER

Communicate with God about your faith.

THE LORD’S PRAYER

FIRST SCRIPTURE READING

Genesis 1:24-2:4a (CEB)

God said, “Let the earth produce every kind of living thing: livestock, crawling things, and wildlife.” And that’s what happened. God made every kind of wildlife, every kind of livestock, and every kind of creature that crawls on the ground. God saw how good it was. Then God said, “Let us make humanity in our image to resemble us so that they may take charge of the fish of the sea, the birds in the sky, the livestock, all the earth, and all the crawling things on earth.”

God created humanity in God’s own image, in the divine image God created them male and female God created them.

God blessed them and said to them, “Be fertile and multiply; fill the earth and master it. Take charge of the fish of the sea, the birds in the sky, and everything crawling on the ground.” Then God said, “I now give to you all the plants on the earth that yield seeds and all the trees whose fruit produces its seeds within it. These will be your food. To all wildlife, to all the birds in the sky, and to everything crawling on the ground—to everything that breathes—I give all the green grasses for food.” And that’s what happened. God saw everything he had made: it was supremely good. There was evening and there was morning: the sixth day.

The heavens and the earth and all who live in them were completed. On the sixth day God completed all the work that he had done, and on the seventh day God rested from all the work that he had done. God blessed the seventh day and made it holy, because on it God rested from all the work of creation. This is the account of the heavens and the earth when they were created.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (unison)

We confess this day, O merciful God that we have not always acted in just ways nor sought justice for our friends and neighbors. We have found it easy to turn our backs on problems rather than seeking to be a solution to them. We have heard of the many ways in which you have demonstrated peace with justice through the ministries of your Son, yet we have given only sporadic attention to them. Forgive us, Lord. Heal our selfishness and brokenness. Cause us to be witnesses to your great love as shown to us in Jesus Christ.

We pray justice for the falsely accused, freedom for the wrongly imprisoned, healing for the tortured or abused, care for the orphan and widow, concern for the refugee and dispossessed, and above all forgiveness for our emotional detachment. May we weep as you weep, love as you love, and not be afraid to be angry for the sake of your children, wherever they might be. In our helplessness we ask, Lord, enfold them in your love.

SECOND SCRIPTURE READING

2 Corinthians 13:11-13

Finally, brothers and sisters, good-bye. Put things in order, respond to my encouragement, be in harmony with each other, and live in peace—and the God of love and peace will be with you.

Say hello to each other with a holy kiss. All of God's people say hello to you.

The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

A MOMENT WITH OUR CHILDREN

MESSAGE

“What is Meant when We Say ‘Peace with Justice’?”

Rev. Terry McDorman

HYMN

“Make Me a Channel of Your Peace”

(FWS 2171)

Make me a channel of your peace. Where there is hatred let me bring your love

Where there is injury, your pardon Lord, and where there is doubt true faith in You.

Make me a channel of your peace. Where there is despair in life let me bring hope.

Where there is darkness only light, and where there's sadness ever joy

Oh, Master grant that I may never seek so much to be consoled as to console,
To be understood as to understand, to be loved as to love with all my soul.

Make me a channel of your peace. It is in pardoning that we are pardoned,
in giving to ourselves that we receive, and in dying that we're born to eternal life.

Oh, Master grant that I may never seek so much to be consoled as to console,
To be understood as to understand, to be loved as to love with all my soul.

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INVITATION TO SHARE

OFFERTORY

PRESENTATION OF OUR TITHES AND OFFERINGS:

***DOXOLOGY**

(UMH # 94)

Praise God from whom all blessings flow;
Praise God, all creatures here below: Alleluia! Alleluia!
Praise God, the source of all our gifts! Praise Jesus Christ, whose power uplifts!
Praise the Spirit, Holy Spirit! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

***PRAYER OF DEDICATION (unison)**

God of all creation, we offer our gifts in gratitude this morning--not just for what you do in our lives, but for who you are in our lives. You are with us in the person of the Father, the God above us. You come to meet us as the Son, as God beside us. You empower us to do the work of kingdom--building by the Holy Spirit--God within us, providing strength and boldness that we would never find on our own. May these gifts be tools that make the transformation of the world a reality. We pray in the name of one God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. Amen.

HOLY EUCHARIST CELEBRATION

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them up to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty (almighty God), creator of heaven and earth. You formed us in your image and breathed into us the breath of life. When we turned away, and our love failed, your love remained steadfast. You delivered us from captivity, made covenant to be our sovereign God, and spoke to us through your prophets, who looked for that day when justice shall roll down like waters and righteousness like an ever-flowing stream, when nation shall not lift up sword against nation, neither shall they learn war anymore. And so, with your people on earth and all the company of heaven we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

**Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.**

Holy are you, and blessed is your Son Jesus Christ. Your Spirit anointed him to preach good news to the poor, to proclaim release to the captives and recovering of sight to the blind, to set at liberty those who are oppressed, and to announce that the time had come when you would save your people. He healed the sick, fed the hungry, and ate with sinners. By the baptism of his suffering, death, and resurrection you gave birth to your Church, delivered us from slavery to sin and death, and made with us a new covenant by water and the Spirit. At his ascension you exalted him to sit and reign with you at your right hand. On the night in which he gave himself up for us, he took bread, gave thanks to you, broke the bread, gave it to his disciples, and said: "Take, eat; this is my body which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me." When the supper was over he took the cup, gave thanks to you, gave it to his disciples, and said: "Drink from this, all of you; this is my blood of the new covenant, poured out for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me."

And so, in remembrance of these your mighty acts in Jesus Christ, we offer ourselves in praise and thanksgiving as a holy and living sacrifice, in union with Christ's offering for us, as we proclaim the mystery of faith.

Christ has died; Christ is risen; Christ will come again.

Pour out your Holy Spirit on us gathered here, and on these gifts of bread and wine. Make them be for us the body and blood of Christ, that we may be for the world the body of Christ, redeemed by his blood.

By your Spirit make us one with Christ, one with each other, and one in ministry to all the world, until Christ comes in final victory, and we feast at his heavenly banquet.

Through your Son Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit in your holy Church, all honor and glory is yours, almighty Father (God), now and forever. **Amen.**

Sharing of Holy Communion: *You are invited to come forward, take a piece of the bread, dip it into the cup of grape juice, take and eat. If you are unable to come forward, please let the usher know and the elements will be brought to you*

MUSICAL REFLECTION

CLOSING PRAYER (unison)

Father, Son and Holy Spirit, we pray on this Peace with Justice Sunday that we not only remember your command to love all others as we love ourselves, but that we act upon it. We must find the courage to live up to the responsibility you have bestowed upon us. We must seek out justice and equality for all or there shall be no peace.

In the words of that hymn we learned,

“Jesus loves the little children, All the children of the world, Red, brown, yellow Black and white, They are precious in His sight, Jesus loves the little children of the world.”

We know that Jesus was sent to Earth to die for all of us, with no exceptions or exclusions, in order that each of us may learn to accept the gift of salvation and eternal life. As the song continues,

“Jesus died for all the children, All the children of the world, Red, brown, yellow Black and white, They are precious in His sight, Jesus died for all the children of the world.”

We recognize that that gift was secured for each person ever born or yet to be born when the Scriptures were fulfilled with the Resurrection.

“Jesus rose for all the children, All the children of the world, Red, brown, yellow Black and white, They are precious in His sight, Jesus rose for all the children of the world”

We know that we must not accept in any form any injustice. Give us the courage to get up and get into action starting right now, today, in this moment and to not rest until in our nation and in all nations the truth that all people are created equal becomes reality and not just words on a piece of paper. For these things we pray. Amen.

CLOSING HYMN

“We Shall Overcome”

(UMH # 533)

**We shall overcome, we shall overcome,
we shall overcome someday!**

Refrain:

Oh, deep in my heart I do believe
we shall overcome someday!

We'll walk hand in hand ... some day!
We shall all be free ... today!
We shall live in peace ... some day!
God will see us through ... today!

***BENEDICTION**

POSTLUDE

All are invited to sit and reflect during the Postlude

Special thankyou's to all those that assisted with worship today.

ATTENDANCE LAST WEEK: 39

ATTENDANCE GOAL: 70

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OPPORTUNITIES FOR PRESENCE AND SERVICE

Sun. June 04 9:00 am Sunday School
Sun. June 04 10:00 am Worship and Zoom Service
Sun. June 11 9:00 am Sunday School
Sun. June 11 10:00 am Worship and Zoom Service
Sun. June 18 9:00 am Sunday School
Sun. June 18 10:00 am Worship and Zoom Service

MACON UMC'S COMMUNITY PICNIC

and Ice Cream Social on Sunday, June 25 at 11 a.m. Look for additional details on the church website.

BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES

June 07 Dan and Erin Moyer

June 10 Ross Moyer

MISSIONS



Items requested by the food pantry are: Vegetable, chicken-noodle and tomato soups, any kind of cereal and/or oatmeal, canned fruit, toilet paper and dish liquid. Cash Donations are always welcome.

SUNDAY SCHOOL BIBLE STUDY

Macon Adult Sunday School Bible Study "Words of Life Jesus and the Promise of the Ten Commandments Today" by Adam Hamilton will continue Sunday at 9:00 am.