

JOYS AND CONCERNS

PRAYER FOR PEACE

God of peace and justice, you have taught us to love our neighbors as ourselves, to love our enemies and pray for those who persecute us. Today we raise Israel and Gaza, Ukraine and Russia, and all parts of the world where people are suffering from war. Provide protection and comfort to the innocent who have been impacted. Transform the hearts and minds of all those who perpetuate violence and oppression. Grant wisdom to world leaders in advancing efforts toward world peace; may they not be compromised by self-interest and blind indifference. **Stop the wars o, God. Amen.**

*HYMN *Softly and Tenderly Jesus Is Calling* UMH #348

*BENEDICTION AND SENDING FORTH

One: Seek the Lord while God may be found.

All: We will call upon the Lord, while God is near.

One: Embrace the paths that lead to life.

All: We will return to our God.

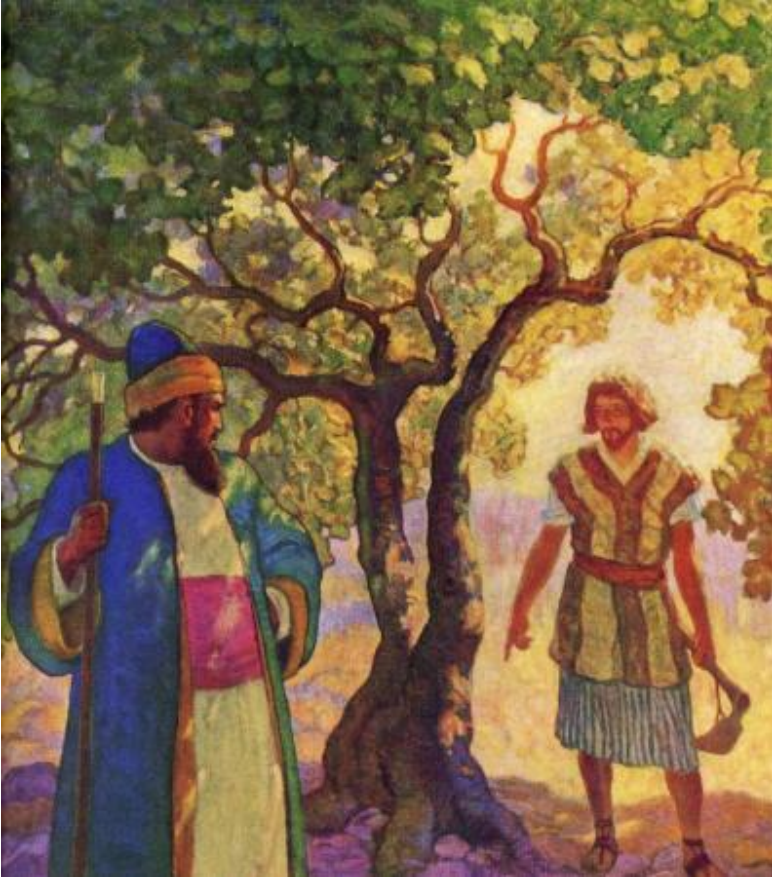
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FAREWELL *Go Now in Peace (2x)* UMH #665

POSTLUDE *How Sweet the Name of Jesus Sounds*
arr. by Michael Burkhardt

OUR WORSHIP HAS ENDED NOW OUR SERVICE BEGINS



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PRELUDE

A Moment of Prayer
by David Paxton

INTROIT

O How He Loves You and Me
by Kurt Kaiser

WELCOME ALL CHILDREN OF GOD

GREETINGS

One: The Grace of the Lord Jesus Christ be with you.

All: And also with you.

One: The risen Christ is with us.

All: Praise the Lord!

PASSING OF THE PEACE

One: May God increase our love for one another and strengthen our hearts in holiness, as we greet one another in peace. The peace of the Lord be with you

All: And also with you

*HYMN

Come, We That Love the Lord

UMH #732

CALL TO WORSHIP

One: The table is set. The banquet is laid.

All: Our souls hunger and thirst for God.

One: Our gracious host welcomes us here.

All: God’s steadfast love is better than life.

One: Sing for joy in the shadow of God’s wings.

All: We have come to praise the living God.

OPENING PRAYER

Lord of overflowing abundance, we praise you with joyful lips and bless you with uplifted hands. When our souls are parched, you offer us wine and milk without price and satisfy our hunger. Guard us when we stand for what is right, and save us from the time of trial, that we may be worthy disciples of your Son, our rock and our redeemer. Amen.

A TIME WITH YOUNG DISCIPLES

“Children’s Message”

Virginia Lorenzi

CHURCH ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRAYER OF YEARNING

Merciful God, when we suffer thirst, you refresh us with the waters of life. When we set our jaws and lose our cool, you heal our hardness of heart. Help us abide in your steadfast love, both now and forevermore. Amen.

A MOMENT OF SILENT PRAYER

WORDS OF ASSURANCE

God is our help in times of trial and when we lose our way. When we place our trust in Christ, God helps us stand and restores our honor.

SCRIPTURE READINGS:

Isaiah 55:1-9

1 Corinthians 10:1-13

Luke 13:1-9

One: The Word of God for the people of God

All: Thanks be to God.

SERMON

“Time Is Short: Repent and Bear Fruit”

Rev. Sue H. Yun

INVITATION TO GIVE OUR TITHES AND OFFERINGS

As we offer our material gifts in this time of offering, let’s also reflect and rejoice in the time, talents, and spiritual gifts with which we are blessed. Let us share abundantly from every aspect of our lives.

WEEKLY OFFERING & NOISY OFFERING

OFFERTORY ANTHEM

Be a Candle of Hope
by Becki Slagle Mayo

Debbie Holland & Kim Gill
Vocal Duet

*DOXOLOGY

Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow

UMH #95

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

Loving God, you have set the table before us and given us every good thing. In gratitude for your kindness and mercy, receive our gifts and our offerings. Accept our hearts into your keeping, that our lives may bear good fruit and that we may enter into your glory. Amen.