

Assurance and Peace Matthew 28:20

"...and remember, I am with you always, to the end of the age."

In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.

Thanks be to God!

May the Peace of Christ be with you.

Throughout this week, continue to find ways to share the peace of Christ with one another.

Children's Message

Illustrated Ministry has been providing their copyrighted children's worship materials for free during this pandemic, which has allowed us to post the materials on our website. Beginning this week, they are no longer provided free, thus we cannot post them online. However, we can still e-mail them out to families in the church. Please contact Pastor Kevin to make sure you are on the Children's Worship e-mail list. ***We thank Illustrated Ministry for their generosity in providing their copyrighted material free for these past several months!***

Scripture Genesis 1:1-2:4a

Sermon Creation and Calling

Hymn *All Creatures of Our God and King*

Offering

Please prayerfully consider the time, talents, or gifts you have received, and how you can give them back to God in love and service to others.

We understand that these are uncertain and difficult times. But that is all the more reason that the work of the church continues. Please prayerfully continue to give your gifts to this ministry. You can take just a moment to give online through our website, or prepare a check to be mailed.

Prayer of Dedication

prayer adapted from Rev. Jill Duffield, Presbyterian Outlook

Lord, you require of us to do justice, love kindness and walk humbly with you. We pray that these gifts represent our desire to be faithful in our daily living. We ask that you would bless our offerings, not just of our money but of

ourselves, in order to make of us the salt and light in the world you call us to be. May these gifts further your will for justice, love, and shalom.

Minute for Mission

*Woonsocket Community Meal/
Help the Homeless RI*

Mission Committee

Prayers of the People

from Rev. Jill Duffield, Presbyterian Outlook

Creator God, you made all that is seen and unseen and called every last bit of it good. We look at the birds of the air and the beasts of the field and see your glorious work. We see the lilies of the field in their splendor and marvel at your gratuitous beauty. The diversity and intricacy of creation astounds and awes us. You made us stewards of your marvelous work and yet far too often we have failed to treat the earth with care and reverence. Forgive us for using that which you gifted us to enjoy. As you make of us new creations, move us to see ourselves not as consumers of the world's resources, but as those who tend and nurture the earth's gifts.

Lord Christ, you came not to condemn, but to save. You shone light in the darkness and flooded the cosmos with grace and truth. You fed the hungry, healed the sick, sought out the lost and ate with sinners. No one was beyond your concern. You regarded the unseen, touched those long marginalized and had compassion even for those who could not bring themselves to leave what they knew in order to follow you. Your mercy stuns us. Your love astounds us. Your command to love others renders us wholly dependent on your power to work within us. In a season filled with fear and overrun with death, we plead for your intervention. Grant us your peace that passes understanding and then enable us to be the peacemakers we are to be in our families, communities and country. As your body in this world, help us to be ambassadors of reconciliation and stewards of your mysteries in the places most in need of your compassion and justice.

Holy Spirit, when you possess us we cannot help but be in relationship with the whole swath of humanity. When your wind blows, we are swept up in God's salvation plan to bring unity, wholeness and abundant life to each and every corner of creation. When your flames burn, we see with clarity our complicity with sinful systems and the sin in our hearts in inflicting pain on others. May your refining fire burn away all that prevents us from fully following Jesus Christ and illumine the Way we are to go. Enliven our discipleship and send us out to preach teach and baptize, feed, tend and heal, advocate for the least, seek

out the lost and stand with the oppressed until death and pain and crying are no more.

And now, Lord, hear us as we lift up those whose names are known to us: We mourn with Peter and all his family at the death of his brother Tom and we ask your gentle and strong comfort on family and friends, Jennifer as she recovers from knee surgery, Linda, Marsha and her mother and father, the Newman family, the Pak family, Linda, Jackie and Chuck; Elaine, Dot, Marilyn, Miriam, Fran and all those at the Madonna Manor, Chapel Hill, Highlands, Waterman Lake, Atria and other assisted living communities.

(Personal/Silent Prayers)

We offer our prayer in the name of the One who taught us to boldly pray together,

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name; thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive our debts, as we forgive our debtors; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory forever. Amen.

Hymn

I Sing the Mighty Power of God

Charge and Benediction

Psalm 5:11

But let all who take refuge in You rejoice; let them ever sing for you.

Spread your protection over them, so that those who love your name may exult in you.

For you bless the righteous, O Lord; you cover them with favor as with a shield.

Beloved, may the love of God the Father, the grace of Jesus the Son, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you now, and forevermore. Amen