

THOUGHTS FOR GATHERING

The moral arc of the universe is long. - Theodore Parker

For peace in the world, nation, community, family – peace in the heart. - Lao Tzu

For peace, to the opposites bring love, forgiveness, truth, hope, light, joy. -St. Francis

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

TEMPLE BELL

PRELUDE

Climb Every Mountain by Rodgers & Hammerstein

*CHALICE LIGHTING AND COVENANT

Love is the spirit of this church and service its law. This is our great covenant – to dwell together in peace, to seek the truth in love, and to help one another.

*HYMN #29

Joyful, Joyful

RESPONSIVE INVOCATION

Declaring an International Day of Peace (see insert)

Adapted from the General Assembly of the United Nations (1981)

ANTHEM

Think on These Things, by Cindi Dicosola

TIME FOR ALL AGES

Imagine Whirled Peas

SINGING THE CHILDREN FORTH

Go now in peace, go now in peace; may the spirit of love surround you everywhere, everywhere you may go.

SHARING JOYS AND SORROWS

OFFERTORY

Grace Darling by Dave Cousins of The Strawbs

* Asterisks indicate an opportunity to stand.

INTERFAITH MEDITATIONS ON PEACE

Baha'i Faith of St. Petersburg, Buddhist Sangha of St. Petersburg,
Congregation B'nai Israel St. Pete, Islamic Center St. Pete

*HYMN #16

'Tis a Gift to be Simple

INTERFAITH MEDITATIONS ON PEACE

Pass-A-Grille Community Church, Quaker Society of Friends,
St. Mary's Catholic Church, Shaolin Buddhist

SERMON

TURNING AND TURNING:

Your Influence on the Moral Arc of the Universe

RESPONSIVE BENEDICTION

Chief Seattle to President Pierce, 1852 (see insert)

*HYMN #159

This is My Song

*CARRYING FORTH THE LIGHT

We extinguish this flame, but not the light of truth,
the warmth of love, or the fire of courage.
These we carry in our hearts and out into the world.

POSTLUDE

Theme from Star Wars by John Williams

Speaker: Rev. Jack Donovan

Liturgist: Sherry Benton

Music Director: Jon Arterton

Pianist: Teresa Ancaya

Hospitality: Kevin Wamboldt

Greeters: Patti Hanks and team

Flowers: from Kaitlyn Hammersley in celebration of Autumn!

GRATITUDE TO

Faith Tradition Representatives: *John Pilz* (Bahai Faith of St. Petersburg), *Nancy Tait* (Buddhist Mindfulness Sangha of St Pete), *Rabbi Phillip Weintraub* (Congregation B'nai Israel), *Imam Yasin Bashir* (St. Petersburg Islamic Center), *Sally Cash* (Pass-A-Grille Beach Community Church, UCC), *Nancy Tait* (St. Pete Society of Friends), *David Petrantonio* (St. Mary's Catholic Church St. Pete), *Christina Didyk* (Shaolin Buddhist)

RESPONSIVE INVOCATION

Declaring an International Day of Peace

Adapted from the General Assembly of the United Nations (1981)

Since wars begin in the minds of humankind,

it is in the minds of humankind

that the defense of peace must be constructed.

A peace based exclusively upon

the political and economic arrangements of Governments
**would not be a peace which could secure the unanimous,
lasting, sincere support of the peoples of the world.**

Peace must therefore be founded, if it is not to fail,
upon the intellectual and moral solidarity of humankind,

May this day and all our days be devoted

**to strengthening the ideals of peace
within and among all nations and peoples.**

RESPONSIVE BENEDICTION

Chief Seattle to President Pierce, 1852

Every part of this Earth is sacred.

**Every shining pine needle, every sandy shore,
every mist in the dark woods, every clearing,
every humming insect.**

The air is precious,

**for all things – beasts, plants, humans –
share the same breath.**

What are we without the beasts and plants?

**If they were gone, we would die
from great loneliness of spirit.**

All things are connected.

Whatever befalls the Earth befalls all its children.

This we know:

the Earth does not belong to us; we belong to the Earth.

Whatever we do to the web,

we do to ourselves.

With all our strength and with all our heart,
**let us care for the Earth and all its children,
as the Great Spirit cares for all.**