



Peace Sabbath
October 25, 2020



Welcome & Announcements ~ Jan Richardson

Candle Lighting & Centering Song ~ *Peace* *composed and recorded by David Goodwin, accompanied by Barbara-Lynn Goodwin.*

Audio link: <https://img1.wsimg.com/blobby/go/2d586d74-4ff6-470b-bac92746b7ca242d/downloads/Peace.mp3?ver=1600987542329>

Call to Worship:

In caring and compassion, God's arms hold us when we are weak

With ideas and inspiration, God pushes us to grow and thrive.

With divine generosity, God shares all creation with us.

God calls us as partners to build a world of joy and hope.

Let us join our hearts, hands, and voices with people the world over in praise, thanksgiving, and commitment to our one, our wondrous, God.

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Hymn: *Let There Be Light* #679 VU

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Recorded by Strathroy United Church, Andy Cloutier, organ

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=YJwKSz4OcoA>

Prayer ~ *The Grieving*:

Dear God, you give us a dream for our life,

but sometimes it seems too much for us and we become afraid and tired.

(Silent reflection)

Sometimes we become absorbed in small things

and fail to notice the great hope to which we are called.

(Silent reflection)

Sometimes we simply do not know what to do

as we face the world around us.

We grieve our failures, O God.

Words of Assurance:

Hear the words of assurance,

for all who come in hope and faith:

I have formed you and called you.

I will take you by the hand.

Behold, I am making all things new.

Thanks be to God!

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Congregational Theme/Story Time ~ *The Wall*, by Carolyn Pogue

<https://m.youtube.com/watch?v=BgtuFbPDa9s>

Hymn: *Though Ancient Walls* #691 VU

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A Reading from Matthew 22:34 - 40

Jesus is asked for his opinion about which is the greatest commandment. He responds with the traditional form of Shema (Deuteronomy 6:4) and adds to it the words of Leviticus 19:18: Love of God enfolds love of neighbor as well.

A Reading from 1 Thessalonians 2:1-8

How does this reading help define what “loving the neighbour” means?

Minister’s Message

Special Music ~ Barbara-Lynn and David Goodwin

Prayers of the Gathered Community & The Prayer Jesus Taught

Benediction

Let us go, enfolded in God’s love, gifted by God’s presence and sustained by God’s grace.

We shall go embraced in that love and ready for discipleship.

<https://loddon-malleeuca.blogspot.com/p/some-creative-prayers-and-liturgies.html>

Closing Song ~ *Love the Lord Your God* from Jim and Jean Strathdee on Vimeo

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