

ERB STREET MENNONITE CHURCH
Sunday, November 10, 2024

Prelude *Four Romantic Pieces* A. Dvorak
Cavatina from Deer Hunter S. Myers
Clarinet Concerto ii W.A. Mozart

Welcome

Call to Worship (Isaiah 2:3-4) **VT 13**

Leader: Come, let us go up to the mountain of the Lord,
to the house of the God of Jacob;

**People: that we may be taught God's ways,
and walk in God's paths.**

Leader: For out of Zion goes forth instruction,
and the word of the LORD from Jerusalem.

**People: God will judge between the nations,
and will arbitrate for many peoples;**

Leader: they will beat their swords into plowshares, and
their spears into pruning hooks;

**People: nation will not lift up sword against nation,
neither will they learn war any more.**

Opening Prayer

Gathering Hymn *We Are People of God's Peace* **VT 797**

Story Circle

Children's Coin Offering *If the War Goes On* **VT 794**

Offertory Prayer*

Worship Music *Gabriel's Oboe from The Mission* E. Morricone

Preparation for Scripture *Because the Words We* **VT 406**
Wait to Hear

Scripture Readings Haggai 2:1-9; 2 Corinthians 4: 1-11

Sung Scripture Response *Listen to the Word that* **VT 405**
God Has Spoken

Sermon *Our Prayers for Peace*

Prayer for Peace

Hymn of Response *Jesus, Help Us Live in Peace* **VT 719**

Congregational Prayer

Announcements

Hymn of Sending *May the Peace of Christ* **VT 843**

Benediction

Postlude *Theme from Schindler's List* J. Williams

*Coffee and visiting in the Fellowship Hall
followed by Congregational Forum.*

PARTICIPANTS

Worship Leader: Doug Blair
Accompanist: Joanne Bender
Song Leader: Karin Bileski and Michael Wu
Story Circle: Doug Blair
Worship Music: Barbara Hankins
Scripture Readers: Hamish and Imogen Blair
Sermon: Nancy Mann
Congregational Prayer: Scott Brubaker-Zehr
Sound: Geoff Vanderkooy
Tech Host: Joe Wildfong
Ushers: Krista Steinmann and Lena Santomero
Greeters: Kayla Wallace Groh, Patrick & Klara Groh
John Bender

A Prayer for Peace

L: Lord, have mercy!

P: Christ, have mercy!

L: When, O Lord, will we learn that peace does not come through force?

P: When, O Lord, will we learn that peace does not come through fighting?

L: When, O Lord, will we learn that peace does not come by conquering others?

P: When, O Lord, will we learn that peace does not come through killing?

L: We look on with horror at the ever-escalating violence that grips the people and their nations in the Middle East.

L: We mourn the faith placed in weapons, perpetuating cycles of violence.

P: We mourn the faith placed in military might.

L: We mourn the faith placed in violence, as if that can bring about right relationships.

P: We mourn the faith placed in political rhetoric and posturing.

L: Christians are called to embody a faith that seeks the welfare of others, not their demise.

P: Christians are called to embody a faith that lays down our arms.

L: Christians are called to build bridges of respect, mutuality and resolution even with those who may be hostile.

P: Christians are called to love our enemies, or refuse to have enemies.

L: Christians are called to invite others, including those of other faiths, to seek alternatives to violence.

P: Christians are called to embody a faith that follows the way of the Prince of Peace.

L: Rockets will not bring peace.

P: Invasion will not bring peace.

L: Guns will not bring peace.

P: Violence will not bring peace.

L: Enough! Basta! Ça suffit!

L: God, the Father of heaven,

P: have mercy on us.

L: God the Son, Redeemer of the world,

P: have mercy on us.

L: God the Holy Spirit,

P: have mercy on us.

L: Holy Trinity, one God,

P: have mercy on us.

A: Amen.

(adapted by Level Ground Church, Abbotsford, B.C., Canada)