



First Presbyterian Church of Dunedin  
Sunday, September 29, 2024  
Sanctuary Worship, 10:30 a.m.

## Celebration

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of God's love, justice, and peace in creation, in others and in ourselves.

### Musical Meditation

Lucas Weiss, Interim Minister of Music & Worship Arts

### \*Opening Sentences

Deb Mattheus, Liturgist

We come together on this day; our hearts wide open with love.

**We come ready to nourish our spirits  
and renew our commitment to peace.**

We come together as peace bearers and peacemakers.

**May we bear peace in our hearts  
and be peacemakers in our communities.**

Come, let us celebrate God's presence among us,  
an unending source of peace and compassion.

**Praise be to God, who calls us to pursue peace  
for the benefit of all creation.**

### \*Hymn 442 – The Church's One Foundation

in *The Presbyterian Hymnal*

### \*Prayer of Confession

**We come before you, O God,  
to confess the ways we have not supported peace  
in our lives and the life of the world.**

**For the times we have tolerated, through our actions or inaction,  
abuse of human rights, war and military solutions to conflict,  
the growing gap between rich and poor, and homelessness.**

**For the times we have condoned, through our actions or inaction,  
personal violence and family violence.**

**For the times we have abused creation—  
the land, water, and air,  
the non-human life of this world, our global environment.**

**For the times when we have accepted a theology  
that dominates or limits others.**

**We confess we can lose the vision of your peace,  
and that we fail to rely on your grace, which is active in our world.  
Hear our call, O God, to be a people who keep your vision of peace  
present and active in this world.**

**A people who celebrate your grace in our global community.  
Hear our call to come home to you, O God.**

**\*Assurance of Forgiveness**

Beloved Community: God hears our call.  
The call from our hearts for peace, compassion, and understanding.  
**We gather today in this community to renew the vision  
and commitment for a world of just peace  
knowing that God's love holds all, sees all, accepts all. Thanks be to God.**

**\*Gloria Patri 579**

in *The Presbyterian Hymnal*

**Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost;  
as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be,  
world without end. Amen. Amen.**

*Discovery*

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*of God's love, justice, and peace in creation, in others and in ourselves.*

**Prayer for Understanding**

adapted from the song *Good Soil* by H. Hanson

Let us pray:

**Lord, let our hearts be good soil, open to the seed of your word.  
Lord, let our hearts be good soil, where love can grow and peace is understood.  
When our hearts are hard, break the stone away.  
When our hearts are cold, warm them with the day.  
When our hearts are lost, lead us on your way...  
Lord, let our hearts be good soil. Amen.**

**Old Testament Reading – Deuteronomy 6:1-9**

Pew Bible, page 143

The Word of the Lord!  
**Thanks be to God!**

**Musical Meditation**

*Air from Messiah*

G.F. Handel

*How beautiful are the feet of them that preach the gospel of peace,  
and bring glad tidings, glad tidings of good things. Romans 10:15*

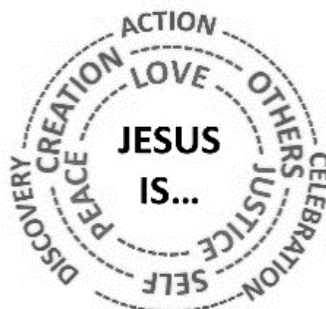
**Gospel Reading – Matthew 28:16-20**

Pew Bible, page 812


The Gospel of the Lord!  
**Praise to You, O Christ!**

**Sermon**

Rev. Dr. David K. Shelor, Pastor



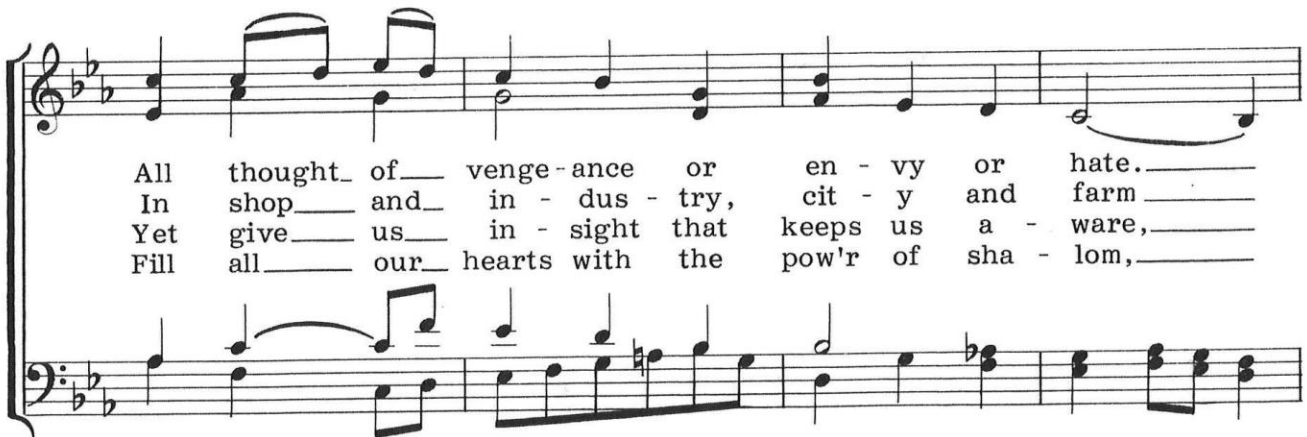
\*Hymn – God, Teach Us Peacemaking



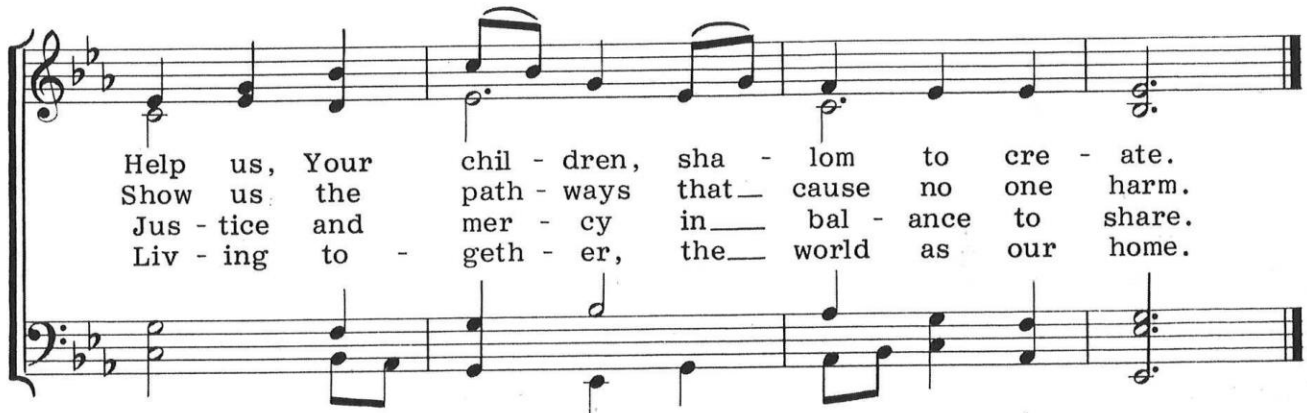
1. God, teach us\_ peace - mak - ing, jus - tice and love.  
2. God, teach us\_ peace - mak - ing in church and home,  
3. God, teach us\_ peace - mak - ing in ev - 'ry role.  
4. God, teach us\_ peace - mak - ing un - to the end;



Blessed by Christ's teach - ing, we're lift - ed a - bove  
In school and gov - ern - ment or where we roam,  
In each re - la - tion - ship make peace our goal.  
Par - ent or child, or as stran - ger or friend,



All thought\_ of\_ venge - ance or en - vy or hate.\_\_\_\_\_  
In shop\_ and\_ in - dus - try, cit - y and farm\_\_\_\_\_  
Yet give\_ us\_ in - sight that keeps us a - ware,\_\_\_\_\_  
Fill all\_ our\_ hearts with the pow'r of sha - lom,\_\_\_\_\_



Help us, Your chil - dren, sha - lom to cre - ate.  
Show us the path - ways that\_ cause no one harm.  
Jus - tice and mer - cy in\_ bal - ance to share.  
Liv - ing to - geth - er, the\_ world as our home.

## Prayers of the People

### The Lord's Prayer

p. 16, at the front of *The Presbyterian Hymnal*

**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 us 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.**

## Action

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*for God's love, justice, and peace in creation, in others and in ourselves.*


### Call - To creation, to others, to self

We invite you to consider the ways you are called to serve each focus this week.

#### **Your generosity builds God's beloved community and changes lives!**

At FPC, we gratefully and joyfully welcome your giving:

**In-Person:** Offering plates are available at the exits after worship.

**Mobile:** Scan the QR code 

**Online:** Via your bank or [www.fpcdunedin.org](http://www.fpcdunedin.org) and clicking "GIVE."

**Volunteer:** Ask for a "Volunteer Opportunities" flier or call our office.



### \*Hymn – Let There Be Peace on Earth

**Let there be peace on earth and let it begin with me;  
let there be peace on earth, the peace that was meant to be.**

**With God our creator, children all are we.  
Let us walk with each other in perfect harmony.**

**Let peace begin with me, let this be the moment now.  
With every step I take, may this be my solemn vow:  
To take each moment and live each moment in peace eternally.  
Let there be peace on earth, and let it begin with me.**

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### \*Benediction

### \*Time of Greeting

**Thank you for worshipping with us today!  
You are invited to share in a time of fellowship and refreshment.  
Please join us now in Hager Hall. All are welcome!**