

**Peace UCC**  
**May 3, 2020**  
**Breathed into life: the story of Peace**

**Prelude** "I Love to Tell the Story"  
arr. Carol Tornquist Lillenas Publishing

**Welcome**

**Opening Words**

One: Breathe into the story that is Peace

**Many: Breathe in, breathe out**  
**The breath of God**

One: Breathe in to the places we find comfort

**Many: Breathe in, breathe out**  
**The breath of God**

One: Breathe out to the places and things we need to let go of

**Many: Breathe in, breathe out**  
**The breath of God**

One: Breathe in the new life we are called to be

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One: Breathe in the fresh breath of change

**Many: Breathe in, breathe out**  
**The breath of God**

## Hymn "There's a Spirit of Love in This Place"

Mark A. Miller

There's a spir - it of love in this place, there's a spir - it of love in this  
pres ence of peace in this room, there's a pres ence of peace in this  
place. You can't see it, but it's there, just as pre-cious as the air. There's a  
room. In God's ten - der-ness is found peace that pass - es hu-man bounds. There's a  
spir - it of love in this place. There's a room. O al - le -  
pres - ence of peace in this  
lu - ia, sing al - le - lu - ia! We bless you ho - ly  
name. O al - le - lu - ia, sing al - le - lu - ia! There's a  
spir - it of love in this place.

## Prayer of Invocation Maren C. Tirabassi

God, you created a tabernacle for the sun, the moon, and all the lights of heaven and are present to all things in all times and yet never can be contained. We know you are not limited by the houses of worship we build, but rather that your love always shelters our worshipfulness. Bless and consecrate our gathering in this place and the love we share in this time. May your peace be upon our restless hearts, and may we always find you in our midst. Amen

## Word in Song Darcy Swanson "Compassion Hymn"

Arr. James Koerts Alfred Publishing

## Sacred Readings

### Genesis 2:4b-7

In the day that God made the earth and the heavens, when no plant of the field was yet in the earth and no herb of the field had yet sprung up—for God had not caused it to rain upon the earth, and there was no one to till the ground; but a stream would rise from the earth, and water the whole face of the ground— then God formed the human from the dust of the ground, and breathed into the human's nostrils the breath of life; and the human became a living being.

## **A More Contemporary Word**

I breathe in rain  
I breathe out green  
I breathe in wind  
I breathe out sky  
I breathe in laughter  
I breathe out happiness  
I breathe in her  
I breathe out poetry  
I breathe in daughters and sons  
I breathe out hope  
I breathe in words  
I breathe out mountains  
I breathe in sage  
I breathe out clarity  
I breathe in dust  
I breathe out the bones of my people  
I breathe in oppression  
I breathe out liberation  
I breathe in fire  
I breathe out clouds  
I breathe in ink  
I breathe out veins  
I breathe in Buddha  
I breathe out Mexican.  
--Arnoldo Garcia

All the principles of heaven and earth are living inside you. Life itself is truth, and this will never change. Everything in heaven and earth breathes. Breath is the thread that ties creation together.

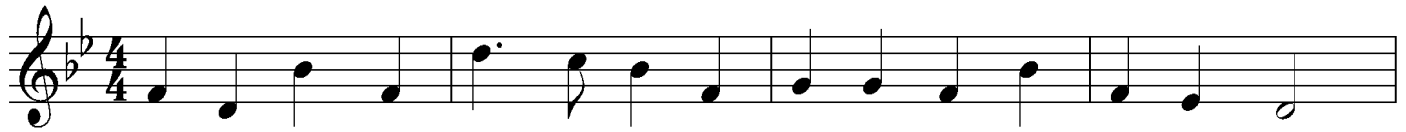
--Morihei Ueshiba

**Sermon** Rev. Wendy Bruner

## Hymn "You Are Called to Tell the Story"

Tune: Regent Square

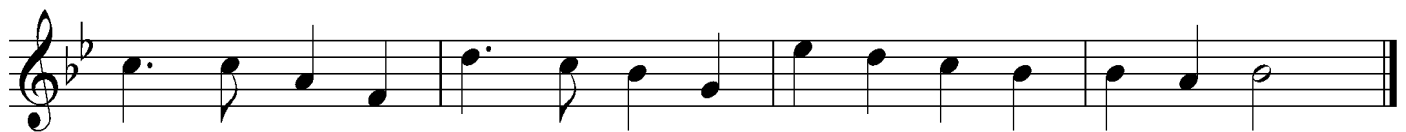
Text: Ruth Duck



You are called to tell the sto - ry, pass - ing words of life a - long,  
You are called to teach the rhy - thm of the dance that nev - er ends,  
You are called to set the ta - ble, bless - ing bread as Je - sus blessed,  
May the One whose love is broad - er than the mea - sure of all space



Then to blend your voice with oth - ers as you sing the sa - cred song.  
Then to move with - in the cir - cle, hand in hand with strang - ers, friends.  
Then to come with thirst and hun - ger, need - ing care like all the rest.  
Give us words to sing the sto - ry, move a - mong us in this place.



Christ be known in all our sing - ing, fill - ing all with songs of love.  
Christ be known in all our danc - ing, touch - ing all with hands of love.  
Christ be known in all our shar - ing, feed - ing all with signs of love.  
Christ be known in all our liv - ing, fill - ing all with gifts of love.

## Joys and Concerns

### Prayer

Creator, who art in heaven,  
hallowed be your name.  
Your kin - dom come, your 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 yours is the kin - dom, and the power,  
and the glory for ever and ever. Amen.

## Communion

**Prayer:** Come, Holy Spirit, come.  
Bless this bread and bless this fruit of the vine.  
Bless all of us in our eating and drinking  
that our eyes might be opened,  
that we might recognize the risen Christ  
in our midst, indeed, in one another.  
Come, Holy Spirit, come.

**Pray of Thanksgiving**

Gracious God, you have once again shown us your love  
by bringing us to this meal.  
We go from here renewed in faith,  
renewed in courage,  
and strengthened by your presence.  
Thank you for loving us so tenderly.  
Thank you for challenging us  
to know you better and to receive you more fully. Amen

**Closing**

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