

PEACE

UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST



March 27, 2022

Shalom – a Journey through Lent Rest

Prelude Instrumental Ensemble
"Morning Prayer" Peter Ilyich Tchaikovsky/arr. D. Kelley
Copyright 2001 Last Resort Music Publishing

Welcome

Opening Words

We come to this sacred place,
Hearts prepared to hear a word about shalom – Your Peace
In our weariness
Give us rest.

When you call us, we will answer.
When you challenge us, we will act.
In our weariness
Give us rest.

In this time together, open our hearts and minds
To the possibility of Your Peace – shalom
In our weariness
Give us rest.

Opening Response "Be Still and Know" Iona Community

May be sung as a round

Be still and know that I am God. Be still and
know that I am God.

Last time.

Prayer of Invocation Dom Helder Camara

Come Holy One!
Do not smile and say you are already with us.
Millions do not know you
and to us who do,
what is the difference?
What is the point of your presence
if our lives do not alter?
Change our lives,
Shatter our complacency.
Make your word our life's purpose.
Take away the quietness of a clear conscience.
Press us uncomfortably.
For only thus
that other peace is made,
your peace. Amen

Children's Time

The Witness of Music Instrumental Ensemble

"Prayer" (Ave verum corpus) Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart/arr. W. Hanson
Copyright 1964 Hope Publishing Company

Readings:

Genesis 1: 1, 2:1-3

In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth,
When the heavens and the earth were finished, and all their multitude. And on the
seventh day God finished the work that God had done, and God rested on the seventh day
from all the work that God had done. So God blessed the seventh day and hallowed it,
because on it God rested from all the work that God had done in creation.

Exodus 20:8-11

Remember the sabbath day and keep it holy. For six days you shall labor and do all your
work. But the seventh day is a sabbath to the Holy One your God; you shall not do any
work—you, your son or your daughter, your servants and workers, your livestock, or the
alien resident in your towns. For in six days the Holy One made heaven and earth, the
sea, and all that is in them, but rested the seventh day; therefore, the Holy One blessed the
sabbath day and consecrated it.

For the wisdom contained in these holy words, we give thanks. Amen

Sermon Rev. Wendy Bruner

Hymn "O God, You Made the Sabbath Day"

O God you made the Sab - bath day, Your gift, your law, your
You gave your chil - dren, long - op - pressed, Your free - ing gift of
Life's sa - cred rhy - thm seems long gone; The world, un - blink - ing,
Christ Je - sus lives! He makes us new! On Sun - days now, we

4
heal - ing way. You al - so made, with - in each heart
Sab - bath rest. You give us Sab - bath free - dom, too:
car - ries on. Your Spir - it calls us! Slow our pace
wor - ship you. With hearts up - lift - ed, joy re - stored,

A long - ing are for this day a - part.
Our lives are more than work we do.
That we may hear your word of grace.
Your church goes out to serve you Lord.

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.

How shall we join God's work in the world?

Mission Moment One Great Hour of Sharing
Pat Allen

Gracious God, we give thanks and ask your blessings on the many and diverse gifts we bring to join you in your work in the world.

Benediction

Postlude Instrumental Ensemble
"Sarabande" George Frederick Handel/ arr. D. Kelley
Copyright 2001 Last Resort Music Publishing

Reprinted/podcast/streamed with permission under ONE LICENSE [#A-704973](#). All rights reserved.