

**Worship Participants**

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 The Sanctuary Choir

**11 am Worship**  
**May 3, 2026**

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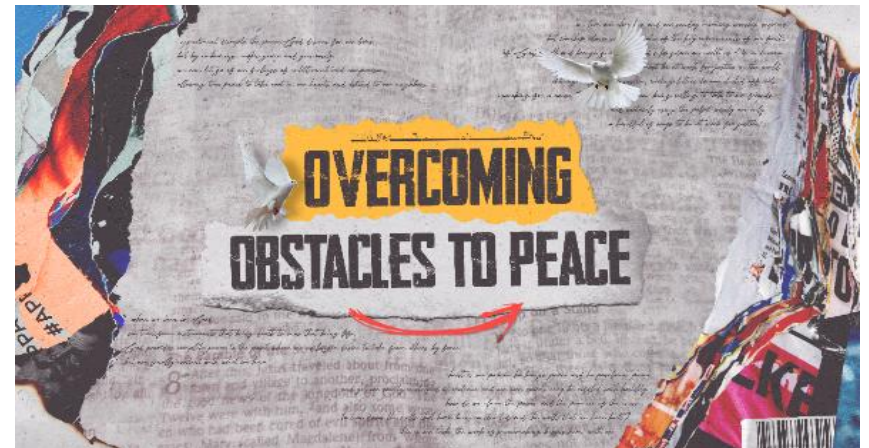


**Today**

Communion and Faith In Action Food Drive.  
 See the blue bin (in the lobby) for the donation list.

**This week**

Sunday	10:15 am	Confirmation
	12:15 pm	Rezound Handbell Practice
	5 pm	Soup-er Sunday
Monday	6:30 pm	Parent Group
		Monday Night Group
Wednesday	1 pm	Food Ministry Council
	7 pm	Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal
Thursday	1 pm	Knowing Who We Are
Saturday	9:30 am	Knowing Who We Are
		Get Acquainted with Chelsea First



**And Let It Begin with Us | Ephesians 2:14-16**

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We invite you to participate in worship as we connect with God and each other. You are welcome to remain seated, stand, or move around, whichever you prefer.

## Order of Worship

### Gathering Music

*Wonderful Peace  
I've Got Peace Like a River*

### Welcome

**All:** We are a vibrant, intentionally inclusive,  
justice-seeking faith community.

### Prelude

*Let There Be Peace on Earth*

### Centering Worship

### Musical Response

#### Verse 1

Christ proclaims peace to everyone,  
Peace that will never fade away.  
Christ brings us hope and love each day,  
Our faithful friend in all we say.

#### Verse 2

Let us share peace in all we do,  
Christ shows the way in me and you.  
With gentle hearts and hands held tight,  
Peace flows like sunshine, warm and bright.

### Sharing Peace

Leader: *The Peace of Christ be with you.*  
**All:** **And also with you.**

### Opening Song

*Christ Is Our Peace*  
see next page

### Unison Prayer

Come, Holy Spirit, be with us here.  
Today we come together with sad feelings  
because of all the hurt and trouble in the world.

We are hoping for the deep peace that only you can give.  
When people are divided or unkind, bring new life and love into us.  
Help us have gentle hearts and willing hands  
so we can help fix what's broken, care for others,  
and make things better.  
Where things feel sad or damaged, help us bring healing.  
Where people are hurting, help us bring hope.  
Teach us to choose love instead of trying to control everything  
or win at all costs.  
Draw us close to you, God, so your Spirit can fill us  
and help us share peace with others.  
Change us from the inside out.  
Lift us out of dark and difficult places into the light  
and joy of Jesus' love. We pray in Jesus' name. Amen.

### Anthem

*Peace Song*

### Message & Prayer

### Hymn of Preparation

*Let There Be Peace on Earth*  
red hymnal #431

### The Sacrament of Holy Communion

Invitation

The Great Thanksgiving

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Sharing Bread and Cup

(music during communion: *It Is Well with My Soul*)

### Unison Prayer of Thanksgiving

see next page

### Closing Hymn

*Make Me a Channel of Your Peace*  
black hymnal #2171

### Benediction

### Sending Music

*Lord, Make Me an Instrument of Your Peace*

## **Christ is Our Peace**

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### **Verse 1**

Christ is our peace the source of hope and healing  
Who brings us near that love may reconcile  
Christ breaks down walls that separate and break us  
Christ challenges conventions that defile  
God's covenant is greater than divisions  
God's love and grace will always reconcile

### **Verse 2**

Christ's covenant calls us to love each other  
God's presence seeks discipleship and peace  
In fellowship with saints of every nation  
Our dwelling place in Christ will bring release  
And joined in Christ we are a new creation  
In faithfulness all past dis-unions cease

### **Verse 3**

Christ welcomes all no one is seen as stranger  
The alien is neighbor and our friend  
The walls we build are broken by God's love  
Christ's unity will all our schisms end  
God's family is all who love and serve  
Christ is our peace our Savior and our friend

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## **Unison Prayer of Thanksgiving**

God of Peace, I pray for peace in our hurting and troubled world.  
Let peace begin and breathe through me—in my intentions,  
thoughts, words, actions, and attitudes.  
Show me how to take who I am and turn it into who I want to be.  
Show me how to use this life of mine  
for a purpose greater than myself.  
Remind me how to love when I've forgotten it's who I am.  
Help me see that peace is my work as a light of the world  
and that we're here to see each other through.  
Give me the strength to be kind and patient when it's hard  
and to hope when it's dark.  
Teach me how to see the light that's in everyone, including me.  
Tell me there are others like me who believe in peace on earth.  
When all I see is sadness, suffering, and stress,  
Help me trust that there's a thread that connects us  
even when everything else points to what separates us.  
That thread is eternal. It's what keeps the world spinning.  
I choose to take my pain, my heartache and grief,  
and give back differently.  
I won't ask for forgiveness from anyone else  
before I give it as well.  
We pray to let peace begin with each of us.  
May the power of the Holy Spirit move through each of us  
to impart peace throughout our community. Amen.