

Worship on the 26th Sunday after Pentecost
November 17, 2024, at 10:00 a.m.

Rev. SaraJane Munshower, Guest Preacher
Organist Diane Dawson Dexter

Gathering Our Thoughts

When anxiety rises within us, help us to step back and take a deep breath, offer a prayer for what we need, and at the same time give thanks for what we have already received. Then, a peace that is not tied to the present, will begin to grow in us for the future. And this will become our daily path and light. -Malcolm Marler

Prelude

Welcome Rev. SaraJane
Munshower

Call to Worship

We are called from the ends of the earth,
We are called from the center of our lives.
Men and women, young and old,
Rich and poor, strong and weak.
We are called into God's love,
To yearn for justice and to pray for peace.

Opening Prayer

God of grace and God of glory, we invite you to make yourself known to us in this time of worship...in the songs and the symbols, in our speaking and in our silence. May we feel your Presence. May we be your Peace. Amen.

Hymn 122 "God of the Sparrow God of the Whale (1,2,4,5)

Prayer of Confession

Holy One, your Peace is beyond our understanding. You know those moments of weakness, anger, poor judgment, jealousy or unfaithfulness that are rooted in our restless humanity yet forgiven in your divinity. Hear then, O God, our silent needs for forgiveness....

Assurance of Forgiveness

Prayer for Illumination

Scripture Matthew 5:10

*"Blessed are the peacemakers,
for they shall be called the sons and daughters of God."*

Sermon "How Does the Creature Say Peace?"
Rev. SaraJane Munshower

Offertory

Doxology Praise God from whom all blessings flow.
Praise him, all creatures here below.
Praise him above, ye heavenly host.
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

Prayer of Dedication

We bring these gifts, O God, because we are grateful and because we are faithful. Shape us, through our giving and your grace, to be peacemakers in our daily lives. Receive these offerings with our prayers for all who be blessed by them. in the name of Jesus, Amen.

Sharing Praise and Prayer Concerns

Prayers of the Church and the Lord's Prayer (*trespasses*)

Hymn 431 "Let There Be Peace on Earth"

Benediction Rev.
Munshower