

# Peace with Justice Sunday Worship Resources

**Theme:** Healing Peace through Forgiveness

**SCRIPTURE** “the way of peace they have not known.” - Romans 3:17, NRSV

## CALL TO WORSHIP AND ACTION

**Leader:** Violence, injustice and those in pain and suffering call out for our help.

**People:** **Understanding, forgiveness, and compassion is our response.**

**Leader:** May the tears that fall from young to old be our every waking concern.

**People:** Acknowledge the greatness in every human being, enable them to see the greatness in themselves while endowing them with the tools to live in this global world.

**Leader:** We are the hands and feet of Jesus the Christ to bring forth the reconciling spirit of God’s love.

**People:** **Help us to find the healing balance between new opportunities, new challenges, new global partners and new dangers as they confront us in our homes, congregations and communities.**

**Leader:** Awareness of the need calls us forth to actions that bring forth structural change for

\*clean air and water

\*affordable homes

\*healthcare and education for all

\*opportunity to work for a living wage

\*Communities using methods of reconciliation and healing

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(add others as appropriate)

**People:** **We are called first to be the peace we seek in our own lives and to share that hope through expressions of music, art, dance, poetry and all acts of witnessing love.**

**Leader:** Together, with God’s help, forgiveness, healing and reconciliation can transform the world.

**ALL: Be it so. Amen**

## LITANY OF DEDICATION

**Leader:** We dedicate ourselves to enabling peace with justice throughout the world.

**People:** **We are many people, walking many different pathways, seeking peace.**

**Leader:** We give praise and gratitude for God’s love that nurtures every community.

**People:** **We will search for justice for those who have waited so long.**

**Leader:** We come together sharing healing words of forgiveness and seeking to live in peace.

**ALL: May peace prevail in our hearts and among us all everywhere.**

## PRAYER

Thou who art the God that has created the universe and made all things holy. May we search the wisdom you have placed in life itself so that our decisions will reflect the goodness and wisdom of your intent. May we be mindful that our work, listening, and decisions are not simply for ourselves, but for those yet unborn who depend upon our decisions to shape their opportunities. We pray for a world of peace with justice where all might live without fear and oppression and experience the healing love of Jesus the Christ. Amen.

## SUGGESTED HYMNS

- “Let There Be Peace on Earth,” 431 (UMH)
- “For the Healing of the Nations,” 428 (UMH)
- “Many Gifts, One Spirit” 114 (UMH)
- “The Hope of the World,” 178 (UMH)
- “Make Me a Channel of Your Peace,” 2171 (FWS)
- “Behold a Broken World,” 426 (UMH)
- “Spirit Song”, 347 (UMH)
- “Hymn of Promise,” 707 (UMH)

## LECTIONARY READINGS...as offered in the lectionary

## BENEDICTION

Hear the words from the Hymn of promise: “there’s a dawn in every darkness, bringing hope to you and me...from the past will come the future; what it holds, a mystery, unrevealed until its season, something God alone can see” May we do justice, love kindness, and walk humbly with God as we go in peace. Amen. **AMEN**