

Celebrating

Offering of Our Gifts

* **Offertory:** Praise God, From Whom VU #541
All Blessings Flow"

Offertory Prayer:

We bring our gifts to you, O God, with cheerfulness and a joyful heart. Grant that with our gifts we may also offer a ready mind and a willing spirit to show the truth of the gospel in our lives. Amen.

Prayers of the People

* **Hymn:** "I've Got Peace Like a River" VU #577

*** Commissioning:**

One: May the heart of God be wide open in our living;

All: the kindness of God show forth in all our relationships;

One: the beauty of God be seen in our countenance;

All: and the love of God for all creation be known in our passion for justice and peace.

*** Benediction**

Blessing: "Go Now in Peace"

Music as We Depart



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ORDER OF WORSHIP

Sunday, October 27, 2019, 11:00 am

Peace and Reformation Sunday

*** Please rise in body and/or spirit**

Music as We Gather

Gathering

*** Clergy & Choir Enter**

*** Lighting of the Outreach and Christ Candles:**

One: God calls us to action:

All: Let this Outreach candle's light help us to be the hands and feet of Jesus.

One: God knows us, through and through:

All: Let this Christ Candle acknowledge that God is present with us now, as always.

*** Introit:** "Holy God, VU #894, v1
We Praise Your Name"

One: The Peace of Christ be with you.

All: And also with you!

Welcome and Announcements

*** Call to Worship:**

One: Here is your invitation.

Unplug in this moment from daily life:

**All: from display screens and overload,
from earphones and isolation.**

One: Reconnect to visions and dreams:

All: meadows and pastures, hills and valleys, mountains and seas.

One: Reconnect to the bounty of God.

All: Be glad and rejoice in God. Alleluia!

*** Hymn:** "Holy Spirit, Hear Us" VU #377

*** Opening Prayer:**

One: Holy One, Creator and Spirit of Life, we thank you for the gift of this day and this gathering of your people.

All: We have come with our joys and our brokenness.

One: We have come with our certainties and our confusion.

All: We have come with our insignificance and our power.

One: Teach us. Reach us. Nourish us.

**All: Then set us forth to walk, to talk, to write,
to live your message of peace in our corner and
through all the lands. Amen.**

Listening

Minute for Mission – Canucopia

Children's Focus

The Lord's Prayer

*** Hymn:** "I Saw the Rich Ones" MV #127

Scriptures: 2 Timothy 4:6-8, 16-18
Luke 18:9-14

One: Hear what the Spirit is saying to the church.

All: Thanks be to God.

Anthem: "A Mighty Fortress"

Sermon: Search for Peace

*** Hymn:** "Called by Earth and Sky" MV #135