

Service of Prayer and Protest

The Musical Prelude

Individual Prayer and Meditation

As the Christ candle is lit, we recall the words of Jesus, "Happy are those who strive for peace--they shall be called the children of God."

RECALLING GOD'S VISION FOR PEACE

Call to worship Mary Anne Isaak

***Hymn of Praise** No. 16 (Sing the Journey)
"Praise with joy the world's Creator"

***Litany of Trust in God** see back page
Holly Mattos, Clare Ann Ruth-Heffelbower

Prayer of Thanksgiving Marc Schlegel

Hymn of Affirmation of Faith p. 65 (Sing the Journey)
"Let justice flow like streams"

LAMENTING OUR RUPTURED WORLD

Readers' Theater adapted from Matthew 25:14-30

Song of Lament No. 66 (Sing the Journey)
"If the war goes on"
stanzas 1-2

Potter's Lament Lynette Ratzlaff

Song of Lament No. 66 (Sing the Journey)

"If the war goes on"
stanzas 3-4

Poet's Protest Steve Penner

Song of Lament No. 66 (Sing the Journey)

"If the war goes on"
stanza 5

Prayer of Protest Duane Ruth-Heffelbower

CLAIMING OUR HOPE

Hymn of Hope

Painter's Reclamation Janice Leppke

Prayer for our World Steve Ratzlaff

Commitment to act for a new world see insert
"Peace Witness Focus"

Candle-lighting

***Prayers of the People**

***Hymn of Hope** No. 118 (blue hymnal)
"Praise God from whom"

*Benediction

Move to action

After the worship service you are invited to move to the fellowship hall and participate in actions to promote peace.

**Those who are able are invited to stand.*

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Article 13: Love and Nonresistance

US Mennonite Brethren Confession of Faith (liturgical reading)

- 1: Greater love has no one than this
—to lay down your life for your neighbor.
Jesus has left us His example, that we should follow in His steps.
- 2: For Christ is our peace, who demolished all divisions and made us
one new family united by His one Spirit in the bond of peace.
- All: We proclaim that our allegiance to the name of Christ
is higher and stronger than any other loyalty.**
- 2: Let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts,
to which indeed you were called in the one Body.
- 1: Christ, let Your word dwell in us richly,
that we might teach and admonish one another with all wisdom.
- All: Grant us courage to make peace among ourselves,
remembering that You ask us to leave even our acts of
worship, so that we might be reconciled to each other.**
- 1: Blessed are the peacemakers
for they shall be called the children of God.
- 2: Lord God, fill us with the love that flows from Your heart,
that we might be agents of reconciliation in a broken world,
ambassadors of the Prince of Peace in all our ways.
- All: Give us the patience to wait on Your judgments,
rather than taking vengeance ourselves.
Give us the strength to yield, returning evil with good,
and trusting in the power of Your love,
rather than our own love of power.**
- 2: Jesus warned that in the last days
there would be wars and rumors of wars.
- 1: Lord, strengthen Your children to be a sign to the world
that one day You will bring an end to all war.
- 2: Nations will beat their swords into plowshares;
weapons of war shall become tools for peace,
and the Tree of Life shall be given for the healing of the nations.
- All: But while we wait for that Day, free our hearts – and our
mouths –to bless and pray for those who persecute us.
Help us to live as people of peace,
and deliver us from the time of testing.**

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