

Order for the Worship of God

Welcome & Announcements – Minute for Mission

GATHERING

Welcome *from Psalm 103*

L Bless the LORD, O my soul, and all that is within me, bless God's holy name.

C Bless the Lord, O my soul, and do not forget God's benefits,

L who forgives all our iniquity, who heals all our diseases.

C Bless the Lord, O my soul, who redeems our lives,

L who crowns us with steadfast love and mercy.

C Bless the Lord, O my soul,

L who satisfies us with good as long as we live,

C so that our youth is renewed like the eagle's.

A Bless the Lord.

Prayer

*Opening Hymn (Blue #151) *"Crown Him With Many Crowns"*

Worship from the Psalms *(from Psalm 91:1-6, 11-16)*

L You who live in the shelter of the Most High, who abide in the shadow of the Almighty,

C Say to the Lord, "My refuge and my fortress; my God, in whom I trust."

L For he will deliver you from the snare of the hunter and from the deadly pestilence;

C He will cover you with his pinions, and under his wings you will find refuge; his faithfulness is a shield and defense.

L You will not fear the terror of the night or the arrow that flies by day

C or the pestilence that stalks in darkness or the destruction that wastes at noonday. ...

L For he will command his angels concerning you to guard you in all your ways.

C On their hands they will bear you up, so that you will not dash your foot against a stone.

RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD

"Speak O Lord"

* Hymn

Call to the Table

L The Lord be with you.

C And also with you.

L Lift up your hearts.

C We lift them up to the Lord.

L Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

C It is right to give our thanks and praise.

L It is truly right and our greatest joy ... And praying: Come, Lord Jesus!

**C Christ has died,
Christ is risen,
Christ will come again.**

Lord's Prayer

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name.

Thy Kingdom come, Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven.

Give us this day our daily bread.

And forgive us our debts as we forgive our debtors.

And lead us not into temptation.

But deliver us from evil.

For thine is the Kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. AMEN

Distribution

Prayer after Communion

SENDING OUT

*Closing Hymn (Red #318)

"There Is a Place of Quiet Rest"

*Blessing and Benediction

Departing Music

Welcome to our Worship!

We are glad to have you with us today. May the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God the Father, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you. Everyone is welcome for refreshments and fellowship after worship. Thank you, Lynn Yarnell, for being liturgist today.

Our **offering** is received on the back table in the sanctuary, you can give online using the **QR code** at right or donate from our **website**.

Please volunteer to be **liturgist** or **bring cookies**.

Signup is at the back table in the sanctuary.



This Sunday, October 5th is **World Communion Sunday**, when we celebrate the unity of the church with communion and receive the Peace and Global Witness special offering.

Connect to the Community next meet at 4:00 p.m. on Tuesday, October 7th.

Congregational Life meets at 10:00 a.m. on Thursday, October 9th.

We will be having a **“fruit-themed” potluck** on Sunday, October 12th after church. Be creative!

The **Connections Bible Study** is still studying Liz Curtis Higgs’ book *Bad Girls of the Bible: And What We Can Learn From Them*. They meet on the first and third Wednesdays of the month at 6:30 p.m.

We are also invited to go to the **Presbyterian Women and Friends** meetings at the Defiance Presbyterian Church. Their next meeting will be Monday, October 13th at 12:30 p.m.

Together We Can Make a Difference could use whatever you are willing to donate. They are going through a lot of cereal and could always use cans of no-sugar fruit.

Our **Card of the Week** goes to Janine Shearer, pastor at Emanuel Lutheran, who is in Toledo Hospital.

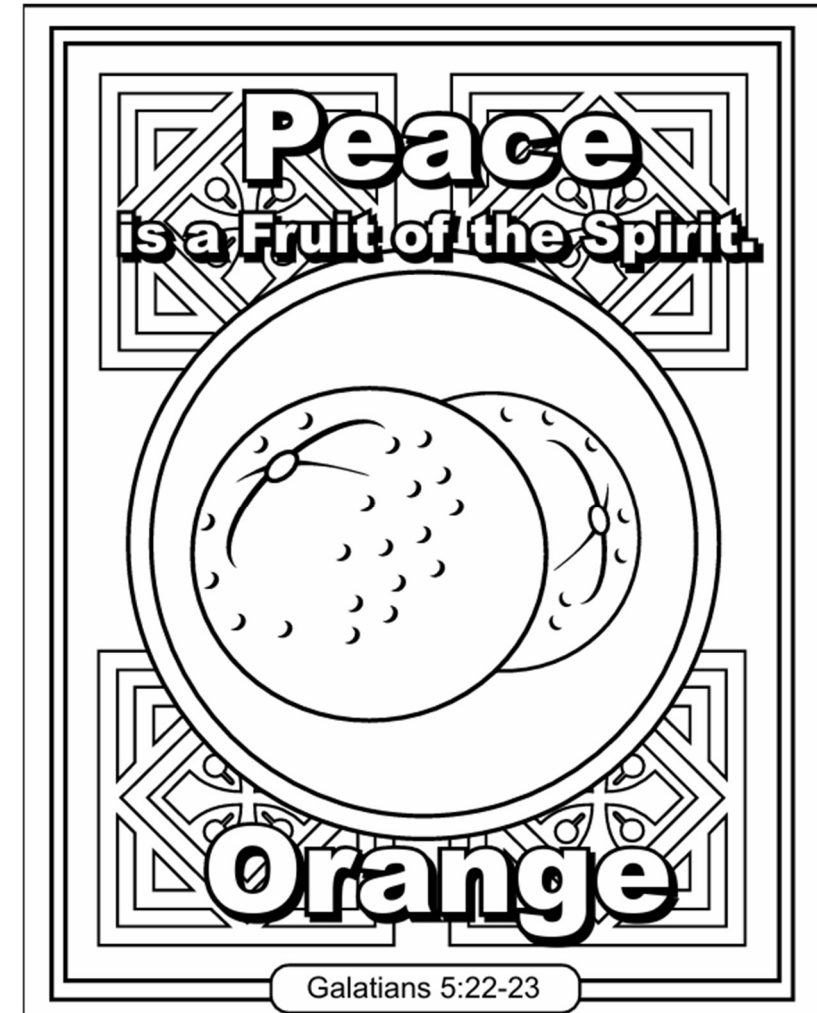
CHURCH FAMILY AND FRIENDS TO REMEMBER IN PRAYER

NORTHCREST NURSING HOME: Harold Badertscher **VANCREST:** Dollie Smith
SIMMONS CROSSING: Connie Cobb **ALPINE VILLAGE:** Sandy Johnson
PRAYER LIST: Gene & Carol Detmer, Joe & Linda McOscar, Julie Fogle, Kathy Schilens (Jana Schroeder’s sister), Enoch & Adyē Castro Vásquez (Olga Hall’s father and mother), Jacob Clegg (Brenda Stough’s friend), Betty Sladek (Ed Sladek’s Wife)

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10:00 a.m.

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L You will tread on the lion and the adder; the young lion and the serpent you will trample under foot.

C Those who love me, I will deliver; I will protect those who know my name.

L When they call to me, I will answer them; I will be with them in trouble; I will rescue them and honor them.

C With long life I will satisfy them and show them my salvation.

Prayer of Confession

Gracious God, our sins are too heavy to carry, too real to hide, and too deep to undo. We look at a world undone by strife, torn by violence, separated by hatred. Yet you call us to walk the way of peace. Forgive us, O Lord, for refusing to follow you on this path because the cost is too high, the direction too confusing, the conditions too harsh. Forgive us our complacency. Grant us clarity of vision to see the light, and the strength to walk behind you. In the power of your Spirit we pray, Amen.

Silent Prayers of Reflections

Assurance of Pardon

(from Luke 1:78-79)

*Responsive Hymn (Blue #345, v. 1&4)

"Dear Lord and Father of Mankind"

PROCLAIMING GOD'S WORD

Special Music

"Instrument of Peace"

Prayer for Illumination

Heavenly Father, I pray that I may live this day in your presence and please you more and more.

Lord Jesus, I pray that this day I may take up my cross and follow you.

Holy Spirit, I pray that this day you will fill me with yourself and cause your fruit to ripen in my life: love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness and self-control.

Scripture

Philippians 4:4-9

Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, Rejoice. Let your gentleness be known to everyone. The Lord is near. Do not be anxious about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.

Finally, brothers and sisters, whatever is true, whatever is honorable, whatever is just, whatever is pure, whatever is pleasing, whatever is commendable, if there is any excellence and if there is anything worthy of praise, think about these things. As for the things that you have learned and received and heard and noticed in me, do them, and the God of peace will be with you.

Scripture

Ephesians 2:13-17

But now in Christ Jesus you who once were far off have been brought near by the blood of Christ. For he is our peace; in his flesh he has made both into one and has broken down the dividing wall, that is, the hostility between us, abolishing the law with its commandments and ordinances, that he might create in himself one new humanity in place of the two, thus making peace, and might reconcile both to God in one body through the cross, thus putting to death that hostility through it. So he came and proclaimed peace to you who were far off and peace to those who were near, for through him both of us have access in one Spirit to the Father.

Message

Bruce Brown

Prayer of Affirmation

Instrument of Peace

In July of 2020, The Porter's Gate Worship Project quarantined a small group of musicians at a farmhouse in rural Virginia to write and record new worship songs around the themes of justice and lament. The result is two albums "Justice Songs" and "Lament Songs."

This song is based on "The Prayer of St. Francis of Assisi" and is from the Justice Song album.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=d0ZYPpqcIP0>

Lord, make me
An instrument of peace
An instrument of peace

Where is there hatred, let me sow love
Where there is darkness, let me sow light
For in the giving, we shall receive
And in the dying, we're given life

Lord, make me
An instrument of peace
An instrument of peace

Where there is sorrow, let me sow hope
Where there is doubt let me sow faith
Where is injury your pardon give
Your consolation to those in pain

Lord, make me
An instrument of peace
An instrument of peace

Speak, O Lord

Words and Music by Keith Getty and Stuart Townend

1. Speak, O Lord, as we come to You To re - ceive the food
2. Teach us, Lord, full o - be - di - ence, Ho - ly rev - er - ence,
3. Speak, O Lord, and re - new our minds; Help us grasp the heights

of Your Ho - ly Word. Take Your truth, plant it deep in us;
true hu - mil - i - ty; Test our thoughts and our at - ti - tudes;
of Your plans for us— Truths un - changed from the dawn of time

Shape and fash - ion us in Your like - ness, That the light of Christ
In the ra - di - ance of Your pu - ri - ty. Cause our faith to rise;
That will ech - o down through e - ter - ni - ty. And by grace we'll stand

might be seen to - day In our acts of love and our deeds of faith.
cause our eyes to see Your ma - jes - tic love and au - thor - i - ty.
on Your prom - is - es, And by faith we'll walk as You walk with us.

Speak, O Lord, and ful - fill in us All Your pur - poses for Your glo - ry.
Words of pow'r that can nev - er fail—Let their truth prevail o - ver un - belief.
Speak, O Lord, 'til Your church is built And the earth is filled with Your glo - ry.