

WORSHIP SERVICE 08/11/19

For Reflection

“Darkness cannot drive out darkness; only light can do that. Hate cannot drive out hate; only love can do that.”

Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.

Prelude

Welcome and Announcements

Call to Worship Mennonite Central Committee Canada

Enter a place where the roots grow deep

Where God is the source of love

Enter a place where the roots grow deep

Where Jesus is the peace pioneer

Enter a place where the roots grow deep

Where scripture is the place of beginning

Come into a time when the Spirit leads

When worship and peacemaking are one

Come into a time when the Spirit leads

When nonviolence turns the tables

Come into a time when the Spirit leads

When hostilities are set aside for good

Enter this place and come into this time

We are here and now.

And so is the divine—here and now.

Hymn O for a World #372

Greeting of Peace (standard)

Time With Children

Reading: Amos 8:4-8

Hear this, you that trample on the needy,

and bring to ruin the poor of the land,

saying, “When will the new moon be over,

so that we may sell grain;

and the sabbath,

so that we may offer wheat for sale?

We will make the ephah small and the shekel great,

and practice deceit with false balances,

buying the poor for silver

and the needy for a pair of sandals,

and selling the sweepings of the wheat.”

The Lord has sworn by the pride of Jacob:

Surely I will never forget any of their deeds.
Shall not the land tremble on this account,
and everyone mourn who lives in it,
and all of it rise like the Nile,
and be tossed about and sink again, like the Nile of Egypt?

Special Music, if any

Reading: Qu’ran 4:135

O you who believe! Stand firmly for justice, as witnesses to God, even if against yourselves, or your parents, or your relatives. Whether one is rich or poor, God takes care of both. So do not follow your desires, lest you swerve. If you deviate, or turn away—then God is Aware of what you do.

Reading: Matthew 25:31-45

“When the Son of Man comes in his glory, and all the angels with him, then he will sit on the throne of his glory. All the nations will be gathered before him, and he will separate people one from another as a shepherd separates the sheep from the goats, and he will put the sheep at his right hand and the goats at the left.

“Then the king will say to those at his right hand, ‘Come, you that are blessed by my Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world; for I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you welcomed me, I was naked and you gave me clothing, I was sick and you took care of me, I was in prison and you visited me.’ Then the righteous will answer him, ‘Lord, when was it that we saw you hungry and gave you food, or thirsty and gave you something to drink? And when was it that we saw you a stranger and welcomed you, or naked and gave you clothing? And when was it that we saw you sick or in prison and visited you?’ And the king will answer them, ‘Truly I tell you, just as you did it to one of the least of these who are members of my family, you did it to me.’

“Then he will say to those at his left hand, ‘You that are accursed, depart from me into the eternal fire prepared for the devil and his angels; for I was hungry and you gave me no food, I was thirsty and you gave me nothing to drink, I was a stranger and you did not welcome me, naked and you did not give me clothing, sick and in prison and you did not visit me.’⁴⁴ Then they also will answer, ‘Lord, when was it that we saw you hungry or thirsty or a stranger or naked or sick or in prison, and did not take care of you?’ Then he will answer them, ‘Truly I tell you, just as you did not do it to one of the least of these, you did not do it to me.’”

Sermon “Aggressive Peace, or Marginalizing a Violent God” Mark Hernandez-Mullins

Hymn Live into Hope #772

Affirmation of Life Megan Rapinoe

This is my charge to everyone here:

We have to be better.

We have to love more, hate less.

We’ve gotta listen more and talk less.

We’ve gotta know that this is everybody’s responsibility.

U.S. women's soccer team captain Megan Rapinoe concluded her New York speech with these words after her team won the 2019 World Cup.

Sung Prayer—Ubi Caritas

Meditation & Naming

Prayer Claudene Oliva

Spirit of Life, gods of many names, be in our hearts and minds as we come together today to pray for our world. We come today as people of privilege, grateful for this blessing, and hopeful for our future. Knowing that we are part of an interconnected web of life, let us acknowledge and embrace our oneness. We pray that we may be loving and able stewards of this world. We pray that we acknowledge our differences as we seek out our common ground, each of us working toward the good of all. We pray that while we recognize the occasional tiredness in our bones and in our hearts, that we call upon the strength of our higher power that we might be the best person that we are called to be. Yes, let us be the good we want to see in others. Let us work to be the change that we seek. Amen.

A Time for Offering

Invitation to Give

Music For Offering

Doxology (standard)

Gratitude Prayer

Hymn I've Got Peace Like a River #623

Blessing and Sending Forth

Music for Leaving