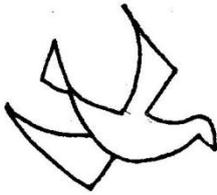


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Call to Worship

Leader : Grace to you and peace from God our Father  
and the Lord Jesus Christ. (Phil. 1:2)

Hymn : Holy God, we praise Thy Name

Holy God, we praise Thy Name  
Lord of all, we bow before Thee;  
All on earth Thy sceptre claim,  
All in heaven above adore Thee  
Infinite Thy vast domain,  
Everlasting is Thy reign.

Hark! the loud celestial hymn  
Angel choirs above are raising;  
Cherubim and Seraphim  
In unceasing chorus praising  
Fill the heavens with sweet accord;  
Holy, holy, holy Lord.

Holy Father, Holy Son,  
Holy Spirit, Three we name Thee,  
While in essence only One,  
Undivided God we claim Thee,  
And adoring bend the knee,  
While we own the mystery. (Living Parish 42)

Leader : We are gathered here today to give praise to the Lord  
and ask forgiveness for all our failings:

ALL : Lord, no-one is perfect,  
we should have tried harder,  
we lost our tempers  
and did not see eye to eye  
with our families, and friends, and enemies.  
Help us to do this week  
what we have not already done.  
It is not easy loving you, Lord.  
Forgive our mistakes,  
in your mercy, Lord, help us.

Leader : Come to us, O Lord, and help us in our search for  
partnership with you. Help us to obtain your mercy  
in all things and grant us peace within ourselves.

Reading :       Philippians 1: 3-11  
I thank my God in all my remembrance .....  
partnership in the Gospel ..... and to the glory  
and praise of God.

Intercessory prayer - for unity  
                          for leadership  
                          for community  
                          for family

Hymn : Amazing grace

Amazing grace!  
How sweet the sound  
that saved a wretch like me.  
I once was lost  
but now I'm found,  
was blind, but now I see.

'Twas grace that taught  
my heart to fear,  
and grace my fears relieved.  
How precious did that grace appear  
the hour I first believed.

Through many dangers,  
toils and snares  
I have already come.  
'Tis grace hath brought me safe thus far,  
And grace will lead me home.

The Lord has promised good to me;  
His word my hope secures.  
He will my shield and portion be  
As long as life endures.

(20th century Folk Hymnal v.1, No. 36)

Guest Speaker : Short address on "Prayer, Partnership, Peace"

Leader : O worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness

ALL : Let the whole earth stand in awe of Him.

Leader : God is our refuge and strength

ALL : An ever present help in trouble

Leader : Let us pray for all who are anxious or troubled in  
any way; all who are in danger, poverty and distress;  
the sick, the handicapped, the unloved.

ALL : Jesus, our Lord,  
You gave us our world, You gave us our lives,  
You have given us a future with you.  
Show us where the action is,  
Where You are working now,  
And send us in that direction.

Hymn : The Lord's my Shepherd (Crimond)

The Lord's my Shepherd, I'll not want,  
He makes me down to lie  
In pastures green; He leadeth me  
The quiet waters by.

My soul He doth restore again,  
And me to walk doth make  
Within the paths of righteousness,  
Ev'n for His own name's sake.

Yea, though I walk in death's dark vale,  
Yet will I fear none ill:  
For Thou art with me; and Thy rod  
And staff me comfort still.

My table Thou hast furnished  
In presence of my foes;  
My head Thou dost with oil anoint,  
And my cup overflows.

Goodness and mercy all my life  
Shall surely follow me;  
And in God's house for evermore  
My dwelling place shall be.

(Australian Hymn Book 16)

Leader : To the quiet mind all things are possible.  
What is the quiet mind? A quiet mind is one  
which nothing weighs on, nothing worries,  
which, free from ties and from all self-seeking,  
is wholly merged into the will of God  
and dead to its own. (Eckhart)

Fellowship of the Least Coin

During a musical interlude, presentation of the  
Least Coin offerings will be made. At conclusion:

SAY TOGETHER :

God, give us the wisdom and courage to change  
according to Your will. Make us channels of  
love and justice, make us ready to serve every  
human need that we meet along Your road.

Reading : St. Luke 11: 1-4, 9-13

Leader : Let us join with the disciples of all the ages  
and say together the Prayer taught by Our Lord:  
"Our Father ..... for ever and ever. Amen"

Offering for Community Day world project.

Musical interlude

Reading : John 14: 23-31

Leader : Prayer for peace.

God, make each moment of our lives a miracle;  
God, make us laugh at the utterly impossible;  
God, give us hope when all things seem hopeless:  
peace where no peace could be; love for the  
unlovable. Make us to gamble all on Your  
Almightiness, and to dare anything in  
Your great service.

Hymn : The Gift of Peace

Refrain: His peace He gives to us,  
His peace He leaves with us,  
Not for us alone,  
But that we might give it again to all men.

1. The man who looks for God in the depths of his heart will find a hidden quiet that nothing can disturb or take away. Refrain.
2. The man who sees his life as an open door through which all men might come to love and give again, will know true peace. Refrain.
3. The man whose joy it is to discover the world and meet the eyes of God in the beauty that is his, will sing of peace. Refrain.
4. The man who knows that God has prepared him a home for all eternity to rejoice and to be free will have true peace. Refrain.

(TOYH 9)

ALL : Since Christ is the way, we ought to walk with Him:  
Since Christ is the life, we ought to live in Him.

Leader : Let us go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

ALL : In the name of Christ. AMEN.

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Suggestions for Discussion

- (a) Why do we need to pray?
- (b) How do we pray?
- (c) Is prayer a partnership between us and God?
- (d) Will partnership between God and myself bring partnership to me and my fellow man?
- (e) What would we hope to gain from such a partnership?  
For my neighbour? For myself?
- (f) What type of peace can we hope for? Plan for?  
Work towards?  
For our community? For myself?

PROJECT FOR Community DAY 1981

WE ARE ASKED AT THIS 1981 WORLD COMMUNITY DAY SERVICE TO RECALL THAT WHEN THE ATOM BOMBS RAINED ON HIROSHIMA AND NAGASAKI, THIRTY SIX YEARS AGO, WORLD WAR 11 WITH ALL ITS MISERY, ENDED FOR MANY OF US.

FOR MANY OTHERS THE MISERY HAS CONTINUED TO THE PRESENT DAY: AS THE BOMBS SHATTERED FACTORIES THAT WERE MANUFACTURING WEAPONS, THEY SHATTERED ALSO THE WORKERS WHO WERE CHIEFLY KOREANS, DRAFTED THERE BY FORCE. AT LEAST 40,000 DIED, 30,000 SURVIVED, AND OF THIS NUMBER 23,000 RETURNED TO THEIR HOMELAND.

THE "ATOMIC DISEASE" REMAINS WITH THESE HAPLESS KOREANS AND WORSE, IT IS INHERITED BY THEIR CHILDREN INTO THE SECOND GENERATION.

THE HUMAN RIGHTS COMMITTEE OF KOREAN CHURCH WOMEN UNITED, HAVE AT HEART A DEEP CONCERN FOR THE UNFORTUNATE SUFFERING PEOPLE AND PROVIDE HELP IN SO FAR AS THEIR OWN MEAGRE CONDITIONS ALLOW. NO GOVERNMENT ASSISTANCE IS PROVIDED.

IT SEEMS THAT MUCH OF THE WORLD HAS FORGOTTEN THESE VICTIMS SACRIFICED FOR OUR FREEDOM. IS IT THAT WE DO NOT NEED TO GIVE A GIFT, BUT THAT WE NEED TO PAY A JUST DEBT?

LET OUR OFFERING TODAY FOR KOREAN BOMB VICTIMS BE NOT MERELY GENEROUS, BUT VERY GENEROUS.