

Seventh Sunday of Easter

May 28, 2017

"The peace of God is the confidence that God is God and neither our gains nor our losses are ultimate. It is the truth that God loves the world, is for all creatures, and is present with us in every endeavor to make real that love in concrete ways. Hassles as we go through life neither prove nor disprove God's presence and therefore neither create nor void the peace of God."

-Fred Craddock

Today's hymns may be found in The New Century Hymnal (larger black book).

Welcome and Announcements

Prelude "A Song of Liberty" -arr. Harold DeCou

*Call to Worship

One: We gather today, seeking the peace that only Christ gives.

Many: We gather, in spite of many a conflict, many a doubt, within our souls.

One: We gather, longing for the breath of God's Spirit to give us courage and renewal.

Many: Come, Christ Jesus, be our guest. Bless us through the power of your Spirit, and give us the courage to live as your disciples, day by day. Amen.

*Hymn "I Sing the Mighty Power of God" No. 12

*Prayer of Approach

*Passing the Peace

One: May the peace of Christ be with you!

Many: And also with you!

Memorial Day Litany (Insert)

Anthem "Patriotic Medley" Eli Fitzgerald

Let the Children Come

Go now in peace, go now in peace, may the love of God surround you,
Everywhere, everywhere, you may go.

Gospel Lesson John 14:15-21, 25-27

Sermon **Lasting Peace**

Call to Prayer (unison)

I need you every hour O God of grace;
The peace your voice affords, I now embrace.
I need you, how I need you! Every hour I need you;
O bless me now my Savior; I come to you.

Prayers of the People and The 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 sins,
as we forgive those who sin against us.
And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil,
for Thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

*Hymn "O God of Love, O God of Peace" No. 571

*Blessing

*Choral Response No. 81

God be with you till we meet again, By good counsel guide, uphold you,
with a shepherd's care enfold you: God be with you till we meet again.
Till we meet, till we meet, till we meet at Jesus' feet:
till we meet, till we meet, God be with you til we meet again.

*Postlude "Improvisations of American Tunes"

Litany for Memorial Day

The Book of Worship for United States Forces (1974)

One: Let us give thanks to God for the land of our birth with all its chartered liberties. For all the wonder of our country's story:

Many: WE GIVE YOU THANKS, O GOD.

One: For leaders in nation and state, and for those who in days past and in these present times have labored for the commonwealth:

Many: WE GIVE YOU THANKS, O GOD.

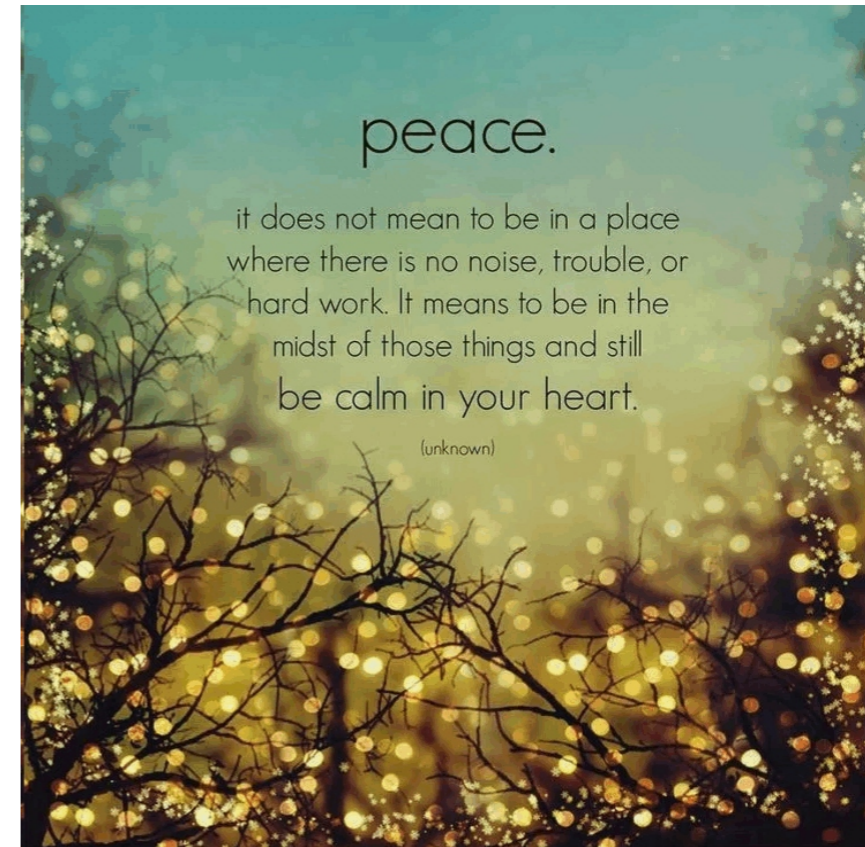
One: For those who in all times and places have been true and brave, and in the worlds common ways have lived upright lives and ministered to their fellows:

Many: WE GIVE YOU THANKS, O GOD.

One: For those who served their country in its hour of need, and especially for those who gave even their lives in that service:

Many: WE GIVE YOU THANKS, O GOD.

One: Almighty God and most merciful Father, as we remember these your servants, remembering with gratitude their courage and strength, we hold before you those who mourn them. Look upon your bereaved servants with your mercy. As this day brings them memories of those they have lost awhile, may it also bring your consolation and the assurance that their loved ones are alive now and forever in your living presence.



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