

“WE PRAY, PEACE NOW, END THE WAR!”  
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**Welcome**

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**Call to Worship\***

- L: Christ sets before us this day the challenge to seek peace and to pursue it.  
**P: We accept the challenge of peace, so enable us to pursue it.**
- L: Christ sets before us this day the call to be peacemakers;  
**P: to proclaim the gospel of Jesus Christ to a suffering world.**
- L: We gather to embody God’s love and desire for peace for all people;  
**P: To hear and give voice to creation’s cry for justice and peace.**
- L: We gather to name and confront the influence of evil within and among us;  
**P: to repent of our silence and complicity with the powers of chaos and death.**
- L: We gather to join with the oppressed in the struggle for liberation and peace;  
**P: to work for justice, healing and wholeness of life.**
- L: We gather to embrace the unity of God’s people and Christ’s church;  
**P: to make peace a reality. Amen.**

**Scripture\***

Psalm 5

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**Reflections**

- Aimee Hong, Senior Executive Director, Education and Outreach, Church and Society
- Mark Harrison, Program Director, Peace with Justice, Church and Society

- Jim Winkler, President and General Secretary, National Council of Churches

## Responsive Prayer\*

L: Eternal Spirit, Earth-Maker, Life-giver, Father and Mother of us all,

**A: Loving God who is in heaven, slow to anger, and of great mercy, lover of all peoples of the earth; Hallowed by thy Name.**

L: Remind us that "all the nations are as nothing before thee," their governments but a shadow of passing age;

**A: Thy Kingdom come on earth.**

L: Grant to thy children throughout the world, and especially to the leaders of the nations, the gift of prayerful thought and thoughtful prayer; that following the example of our Lord, we may discern what is right, and do it.

**A: Thy will be done on earth, as it is in heaven.**

L: Help us to protect and to provide for all who are hungry and homeless, especially those who are deprived of food and shelter, family and friends, by the tragedy of war;

**A: Give us this day our daily bread.**

L: Forgive us for neglecting to "seek peace and pursue it," and finding ourselves in each new crisis, more ready to make war than to make peace. "We have not loved thee with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves";

**A: Forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us.**

L: Let us not seek revenge, but reconciliation; let us not delight in victory, but in justice; let us not give ourselves up to pride, but to prayer;

**A: Lead us not into temptation.**

L: Be present to all thy children ravaged by war: Be present to those who are killing and to those who are being killed; be present to the loved ones of those who are killing and to the loved ones of those who are being killed;

**A: Deliver us from evil.**

L: Subdue our selfish desires to possess and to dominate, and forbid us arrogance  
in victory;

**All: For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever and ever.  
Amen.**

**Closing Song\***

"This is My Song"

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**Blessing\***

Rev. Dr. Susan Henry-Crowe