

RECONCILING IN CHRIST SUNDAY

*Roll Down
Justice*

SUNDAY 2024



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Peace Lutheran Church



West Seattle, Washington

ReconcilingWorks is delighted to celebrate with you this Reconciling in Christ (RIC) Sunday service! Reconciling in Christ (RIC) Sunday is an annual worship celebration created to share in the commitment our organization and partnering faith communities have in the ongoing work of welcome, inclusion, celebration, and advocacy for LGBTQIA+ people in the life of the church. We hope you enjoy Created Whole, as we join our 995+ partners across the United States and Canada through this celebratory service.

Reconciling Works is our Pass the Hat Partner during the month of January.

+ GATHERING +

P – *Presider* A – *Assisting Minister* C – *Congregation* L – *Lector*
ELW – *Evangelical Lutheran Worship Hymnal*

PRELUDE

Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us

William B. Bradbury
James Jelasic, Piano

WELCOME

GATHERING HYMN

All Are Welcome

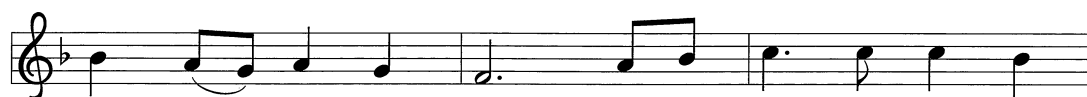
ELW #641, verses 1-3



1 Let us build a house where love can dwell and all can safe - ly
2 Let us build a house where proph-ets speak, and words are strong and
3 Let us build a house where love is found in wa - ter, wine and



live, a place where saints and chil - dren tell how
true, where all God's chil - dren dare to seek to
wheat: a ban - quet hall on ho - ly ground where



hearts learn to for - give. Built of hopes and dreams and
dream God's reign a - new. Here the cross shall stand as
peace and jus - tice meet. Here the love of God, through



vi - sions, rock of faith and vault of grace; here the love of
wit - ness and as sym - bol of God's grace; here as one we
Je - sus, is re - vealed in time and space; as we share in



Christ shall end di - vi - sions:
claim the faith of Je - sus:
Christ the feast that frees us: All are wel - come,



all are wel - come, all are wel - come in this place.

GREETING

P The grace of the One who created all beyond our wildest dreams and called it GOOD, the love, mercy, and justice of the One who calls us Beloved siblings, and the wisdom of the One who challenges us to go and do likewise, be with you all.

C **And also with you.**

GLORIA

Congregation:

Glo - ry to God in the high - est, and
peace to God's peo - ple on earth.

Verse 1:

(Refrain begins)

You are God; we praise you. You are
Lord; we ac - claim you. You are God e - ter - nal;
all cre - a - tion wor - ships you. *To refrain*

Verse 2:

(Refrain begins)

All the an - gels in the heav - ens chant your
praise in end - less song! Ho - ly, ho - ly,
ho - ly, God of pow - er and might. *To refrain*

Congregation:

Glo - ry to God in the high - est, and
peace to God's peo - ple on earth.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

P The Lord be with you.

C **And also with you.**

P Let us pray. Holy and Living God, we open ourselves to you this day. Open our eyes and help us to see that no one is outside the circle of your love. Remind us that, thanks to your abiding presence, we are not alone; through Jesus Christ, your incarnate gift of grace.

C **Amen.**

FIRST READING **Jonah 3:1-5, 10**

Scott Sunde

The book of Jonah is a comedy starring a reluctant prophet who's given a one-sentence message: Nineveh will be destroyed in forty days. After first rejecting God's call, Jonah is given a second chance. After delivering God's message to the people of Nineveh, Jonah finds, much to his dismay, that the people of Nineveh repent. The point of the story is to get the reader to wrestle with the question: "on whom should God have mercy?"

The word of the LORD came to Jonah a second time, saying, ²"Get up, go to Nineveh, that great city, and proclaim to it the message that I tell you." ³So Jonah set out and went to Nineveh, according to the word of the LORD. Now Nineveh was an exceedingly large city, a three days' walk across. ⁴Jonah began to go into the city, going a day's walk. And he cried out, "Forty days more, and Nineveh shall be overthrown!" ⁵And the people of Nineveh believed God; they proclaimed a fast, and everyone, great and small, put on sackcloth.

¹⁰When God saw what they did, how they turned from their evil ways, God changed his mind about the calamity that he had said he would bring upon them; and he did not do it.

L The Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

SECOND READING **Romans 8: 31-39** (*Inclusive Bible Translation*)

What should be our response? Simply this: "If God is for us, who can be against us?" Since God did not spare the Only Begotten but gave Christ up for the sake of us all, we may be certain, after such a gift, that God will freely give us everything. Who will bring a charge against God's chosen ones? Since God is the One who justifies, who has the power to condemn? Only Christ Jesus, who died—or rather, was raised—and sits at the right hand of God, and who now intercedes for us! What will separate us from the love of Christ? Trouble? Calamity? Persecution? Hunger? Nakedness? Danger? Violence? As scripture says, "For your sake, we're being killed all day long; we're looked upon as sheep to be slaughtered." Yet in all this, we are more than conquerors because of God who has loved us. For I am certain that neither death nor life, neither angels nor demons, neither the present nor the future, neither heights nor depths—nor anything else in all creation—will be able to separate us from the love of God that comes to us in Christ Jesus, our Savior.

L The Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

1* 2 3

He - le - lu - yan, he - le - lu - yan; he - le, he - le - lu - yan.

He - le - lu - yan, he - le - lu - yan; he - le, he - le - lu - yan.

P The Holy Gospel according to Luke, the 10th Chapter.

C **Glory to you, O Lord.**

GOSPEL Luke 10:25-37 (The *First Nations Version*)

The First Nations Version of the New Testament was birthed out of a desire to provide an English Bible that connects, in a culturally relevant way, to the traditional heart languages of the over six million English-speaking First Nations people of North America. The gospel text for this RIC Sunday tells the story that is known popularly as the parable of the Good Samaritan.

A scroll keeper, one who was skilled in his knowledge of tribal law, came to Creator Sets Free (Jesus) to test him and trap him in his words. “Wisdomkeeper,” he said. “What path must I walk to have the life of the world to come that never fades away, full of beauty and harmony?” He answered him, “What is written in our tribal law about this? Tell me, how do you see it?” The scroll keeper spoke from the words of the law, “You must love the Great Spirit from deep within, with the strength of your arms, the thoughts of your mind, and the courage of your heart, and you must love your fellow human beings in the same way you love yourselves.”

“You have answered well,” Creator Sets Free (Jesus) said back to him. “If you walk this path, you will live.” But the scroll keeper, wanting to look good to others, asked him, “Who are my fellow human beings?” Creator Sets Free (Jesus) answered him with a story. “There was a man walking the road from Village of Peace (Jerusalem) to Moon Village (Jericho). On the way, he was attacked by thieves, who beat him, stripped him of his clothes, and left him bleeding to death. “Now it happened that a holy man was on the same road, not far behind. When he saw the man, he went around him on the other side of the road. Not far behind him was another man, also from the tribe holy men are chosen from. When he saw the wounded man, he did the same thing as the holy man. “Then a man from High Place (Samaria), who was also walking the road, saw the wounded man. Even though he was not a Tribal Member but a mixed blood despised by the tribal people, he felt pity for the man. He helped him by pouring good medicine on his wounds and wrapping them in a cloth. He put the man on his own animal and took him to a lodging house to care for him. “The next day, when the man of High Place (Samaria) was leaving, he gave from his own money pouch to the keeper of the lodging house. ‘Use this to care for him,’ he said, ‘and when I return, I will give you anything more that is needed.’” Creator Sets Free (Jesus) then looked at the scroll keeper and said, “Which one of these three acted as a fellow human being to the man who was attacked by the thieves?” The scrollkeeper answered, “The one who had pity on him.” “Go,” Creator Sets Free (Jesus) said, “and walk in the same way.”

P The Gospel of the Lord.

C **Praise to you, O Christ.**

SERMON

Laura Bermes

What does it mean to be in a community of faith where you can be your true, authentic self?

HYMN OF THE DAY

Christ Be Our Light

ELW #715, vs. 1, 2, 5



1 Long - ing for light, we wait in dark - ness. Long - ing for
 2 Long - ing for peace, our world is trou - bled. Long - ing for
 3 Long - ing for food, man - y are hun - gry. Long - ing for
 4 Long - ing for shel - ter, man - y are home - less. Long - ing for
 5 Man - y the gifts, man - y the peo - ple, man - y the



truth, we turn to you. Make us your own,
 hope, man - y de - spair. Your word a - lone
 wa - ter, man - y still thirst. Make us your bread,
 warmth, man - y are cold. Make us your build - ing,
 hearts that yearn to be - long. Let us be ser - vants



your ho - ly peo - ple, light for the world to see.
 has pow'r to save us. Make us your liv - ing voice.
 bro - ken for oth - ers, shared un - til all are fed.
 shel - ter - ing oth - ers, walls made of liv - ing stone.
 to one an - oth - er, signs of your king - dom come.



Refrain
 Christ, be our light! Shine in our hearts. Shine through the



dark - ness. Christ, be our light! Shine in your



church gath - ered to - day.

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH *From the Iona Abbey Worship Book*

P Let us profess our faith.

C We believe and trust in God, who has created and is creating, who has come in Jesus – the Word made flesh – to reconcile and make new, and who works in us and others by the power of the Spirit.

**We are called to be the church:
To celebrate God's presence, to live with respect for creation,
to love and serve others, to seek justice and resist evil,
to proclaim Jesus, crucified and risen, our judge and hope.
In life and death, in life beyond death, God is with us.
We are not alone.
Thanks be to God. Amen.**

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

Janet Cruse

P As we celebrate Christ embodied in human form, we pray for God's blessing on the church, the world, and all of creation.

Petitions are offered that end with:

A God of inclusion, **C Hear our prayer.**

When all petitions have been offered:

P We lift these and all our prayers to you, O God, confident that you will turn to us and be gracious to us as you always do to those who love your name.

C Amen.

P Let us pray as Jesus taught us.

Our Beloved Parent in heaven, let your name be sanctified.

Let your realm come, let your will happen in heaven and also upon earth.

Give to us today as nourishment all that is necessary for life.

And forgive us our debts as we forgive our debtors.

Do not bring us to the test, but rescue us from the evil one.

For yours is the kin-dom, the power, and the glory forever. Amen.

THE PEACE

P The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C And also with you.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

PASS THE HAT

Reconciling Works

Since 1974, Reconciling Works: Lutherans for Full Participation has advocated for the full welcome, inclusion, and equity of lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, queer, intersex, and asexual/aromantic (LGBTQIA+) Lutherans in all aspects of the life of their Church, congregations, and community.

Our gifts today support this ongoing ministry with congregations of the church.

OFFERING

Your financial gifts today support the ongoing ministry of our congregation, cooperative ventures of ELCA congregations throughout Western Washington, and Evangelical Lutheran ministries around the world. We invite you to give generously! You can place your gift in the offering plate, mail in a check, or connect to our secure [Tithely Giving Page](#) via this QR CODE. Whatever size, your gift makes difference—thank you for your support!



OFFERTORY HYMN*Let Us Talents and Tongues Employ*

ELW #674



1 Let us tal - ents and tongues em - ploy, reach - ing out with a shout of joy:
 2 Christ is a - ble to make us one, at the ta - ble he sets the tone,
 3 Je - sus calls us in, sends us out bear - ing fruit in a world of doubt,



bread is bro - ken, the wine is poured, Christ is spo - ken and seen and heard.
 teach - ing peo - ple to live to bless, love in word and in deed ex - press.
 gives us love to tell, bread to share: God (Im - man - u - el) ev - 'ry - where!

Refrain

Je - sus lives a - gain, earth can breathe a - gain, pass the Word a - round: loaves a - bound!

OFFERTORY PRAYER

P Let us pray. Generous God, we offer with joy and thanksgiving what you have first given us – our selves, our time, and our possessions, signs of your gracious love.
 Receive them for the sake of him who gave himself for us, Jesus Christ our Lord.

C Amen.

BLESSING

P The passionate, welcoming God accept and love you for who you are;
 the Word who became flesh in Jesus touch and hold you close;
 and the dancing ✠ rainbow Spirit lead you to risk yourselves for love,
 today and always.

C Amen.

+ SENDING +**SENDING HYMN***All Are Welcome*

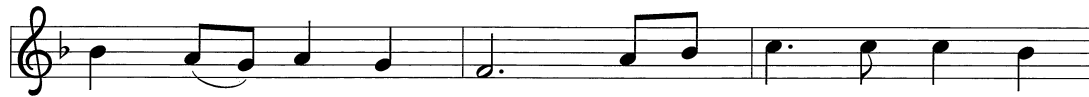
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 2 Let us build a house where proph - ets speak, and words are strong and
 3 Let us build a house where love is found in wa - ter, wine and
 4 Let us build a house where hands will reach be - yond the wood and
 5 Let us build a house where all are named, their songs and vi - sions



live, a place where saints and chil - dren tell how
 true, where all God's chil - dren dare to seek to
 wheat: a ban - quet hall on ho - ly ground where
 stone to heal and strength - en, serve and teach, and
 heard and loved and trea - sured, taught and claimed as



hearts learn to for - give. Built of hopes and dreams and
 dream God's reign a - new. Here the cross shall stand as
 peace and jus - tice meet. Here the love of God, through
 live the Word they've known. Here the out - cast and the
 words with - in the Word. Built of tears and cries and



vi - sions, rock of faith and vault of grace; here the love of
 wit - ness and as sym - bol of God's grace; here as one we
 Je - sus, is re - vealed in time and space; as we share in
 strang - er bear the im - age of God's face; let us bring an
 laugh - ter, prayers of faith and songs of grace, let this house pro -



Refrain

Christ shall end di - vi - sions:
 claim the faith of Je - sus:
 Christ the feast that frees us: All are wel - come,
 end to fear and dan - ger:
 claim from floor to raf - ter:



all are wel - come, all are wel - come in this place.

DISMISSAL

P Go now in wholeness to love and work for the justice of God.

C Thanks be to God!

POSTLUDE

Near to the Heart of God

Clelan B. McAfee
 James Jelasic



WE'RE WORKING ON A SOLUTION!

The Church Council and Property Committee are in conversation with our insurance company and with local contractors to find both short term and long term fixes to the broken unit that heats the sanctuary

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OUR FINANCIAL STEWARDSHIP

Offering Income received JANUARY 2024

01/07/24	\$ 2,647.00
01/14/24	\$ 2,863.00
electronic	<u>\$ 4,518.21</u>
Total	\$10,028.21

Thank you for your gifts which support God's mission at Peace, in the larger community, and internationally through the ELCA

THIS WEEK'S ACT FOR CREATION

Ton for ton, recycling reduces more pollution, saves more energy and reduces Greenhouse Gas emissions more than any other solid waste management option. Here in Seattle, our top five recyclables are 1) paper, 2) cardboard, 3) plastic (bottles, containers, and tubs), 4) glass bottles and jars, and 5) metal, (aluminum, tin and steel cans and scrap). Not sure what you can recycle? When in Doubt, Find Out, says the City, which offers the [Where Does it Go? Tool](#). Find it through the search box at <https://www.seattle.gov/utilities>.

Pray for Creation: This week we pray for resolve to follow the actions of the current Washington state legislature and to urge our representatives to work for justice at all levels, including the strengthening of the landmark Climate Commitment Act.

ELECTIONS FOR CHURCH COUNCIL COMING UP

Would you like to serve as a member of our congregation's Church Council? There are leadership positions on the Council opening up in January. The council meets once a month to support our ongoing mission, including the discussion of budgets, policies, and the operations of the church. Church council members are the governing body of the church in between congregational meetings. They work as liaisons between the council and all the church committees and ministry teams. The council is comprised of a group of individuals who work hard to maintain a positive, Christian experience for everyone who attends Peace Lutheran Church. **We need you!** If you are interested in exploring the possibility of becoming a church council member please contact Marcia Olson, Vicki Martinez, Erika Stephens, or Chris Kindem. Nominees must have been a member of Peace for 1 year. Elections take place at the Annual Meeting on January 28th. There is also an opening in the Audit Committee.

ANNUAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING JANUARY 28, 2024

Sunday, January 28, is our Annual Congregational Meeting. Please add it to your calendar!

Following are some key dates to keep in mind as the day approaches.

- **JANUARY 28** – Annual Meeting following worship.
- **Stay turned**-we hope to be back in the building for worship on January 28

OFFERING ENVELOPES FOR 2024

are available on the table in the narthex.

NEW LUTHERWOOD EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR



Rev. Kevin Beebe has accepted the call to be Executive Director of Camp Lutherwood! We look forward to welcoming Pastor Kevin, his spouse, Pastor Kelsey Beebe, and their son Gabriel to the synod! He will be installed in a service at the Camp on Saturday, February 10th, and we'd like to bring a couple carloads of Peacefolk up to the Camp for the occasion. If you're interested, please talk to Nicole K.

LOOKING AHEAD TO LENT

The *Season of Lent* comes early this year – commencing with *Ash Wednesday, on February 14th*. Once again we will host Wednesday evening Soup/Bread Suppers @ 6pm, followed by a 30 minute service of Evening Prayer. Those Wednesdays are: Feb 21, 28, Mar 6, 13, & 20. Stay tuned!



PRAYER LIST

Please continue to remember the sick and home-bound of our congregation and others who have sought our prayers: **Sick/Recovering**: Cay Bell; Jan Burt; Melanie Coulson; Karl Coy; Larry Cruse; Marsha Davis; Matt Files; Joe Flint; William Gerhardt; Donna Heiland; Maria Iriarte; Mary Jacob; Ken Keys; Dee Levy; Justin Makboul; Evelyn Martinez; Eddie McDaniel; Pete McIntyre; Ken McPherson; Erin McPherson; Steve Metzler; Katrina Moore; Bill Morrell; Penelope Grace; Michelle Pierce; Jill Remsey; Rosemary; Irma Runge; JoAnne Spangler; Pat Spangler; Sean Stephens; Sarah Taylor; Pam Webber; Judy Wiggins; Patti Wunder; Audrey Zemke.

We express our Christian sympathy to the Hemme family on the death of Dave Hemme, Kristin Gimelli Hemme's father on 1/10/24 and to Jean Sides and the Anderson family on the death of Kathy Anderson, Jean's daughter, on 1/13/24.

Homebound: Jim Baker; Connie Benjamin; Jan Madsen

PROTOCOL FOR PRAYER LIST We will keep people on the prayer list for one month unless otherwise specified or unless you contact the Peace office to extend the time.

RECONCILING IN CHRIST AFFIRMATION OF WELCOME

Christ calls us to reconciliation and wholeness, in a world that can be filled with alienation and brokenness. In faithfulness to the Gospel and to our Lutheran heritage, we answer Christ's call to be agents of healing and safety, particularly for people who have been marginalized by our society.



As a Christian community, we invite all people to join us as we work to better understand the meaning of grace for our lives. We welcome people of all sexual orientations and gender identities into the life and mission of our congregation.

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