

\* **Call to Worship:** *Psalms 122:6-9*  
*Pray for the peace of Jerusalem!*  
*“May they be secure who love you!*  
***Peace be within your walls***  
***and security within your towers!”***  
*For my brothers and companions' sake*  
*I will say, “Peace be within you!”*  
***For the sake of the house of the LORD our God,***  
***I will seek your good.***

\* **God’s Greeting**

\* ***Like a River Glorious*** #497:1,2,3 (HFG)  
Like a river glorious is God’s perfect peace,  
Over all victorious in its bright increase;  
Perfect, yet it floweth fuller every day;  
Perfect, yet it groweth deeper all the way.

*Refrain:* Trusting in the Father, hearts are fully blest,  
Finding, as he promised, perfect peace and rest.

Hidden in the hollow of His blessed hand,  
Never foe can follow, never traitor stand;  
Not a surge of worry, not a shade of care,  
Not a blast of hurry touch the spirit there. *Refrain*

Every joy or testing comes from God above,  
Given to His children as an act of love;  
We may trust Him fully all for us to do—  
Those who trust Him wholly find Him wholly true. *Refrain*

\* ***I’ve Come to Tell*** #250 (PH)  
I’ve come to tell, I’ve come to tell, O Savior divine,  
How much I love you, how much I love you,  
With all of my heart.  
I’ve come to tell, I’ve come to tell,  
To tell you the truth:  
I love you, O Lord, I worship you, Lord,  
With all of my heart.  
I want to sing, I want to sing from happiness;  
I want to cry, I want to cry from joy and peace.  
I’ve come to tell, I’ve come to tell,  
To tell you the truth:  
I love you, O Lord, I worship you, Lord,  
With all of my heart.

\* indicates to stand if able

\* ***When Peace Like a River*** #489:1,2,3 (PH)  
When peace like a river attendeth my way,  
When sorrows like sea billows roll—  
Whatever my lot, Thou has taught me to say,  
It is well, it is well with my soul.  
  
*Refrain:* It is well, with my soul,  
It is well, it is well, with my soul.

Though Satan should buffet, though trials should come,  
Let this blest assurance control:  
That Christ has regarded my helpless estate,  
And has shed his own blood for my soul. *Refrain*

My sin, O the joy of this glorious thought,  
My sin, not in part, but the whole,  
Is nailed to the cross, and I bear it no more:  
Praise the Lord, praise the Lord, O my soul! *Refrain*

**Call to Confession and Preparation:** *Colossians 1:19-22*

**Prayer of Confession**

**Assurance of Pardon:** *Psalms 23*  
*The LORD is my shepherd;*  
*I shall not want.*  
***He makes me lie down in green pastures.***  
***He leads me beside still waters.***  
*He restores my soul.*  
*He leads me in paths of righteousness*  
*for his name's sake.*  
***Even though I walk***  
***through the valley of the shadow of death,***  
***I will fear no evil,***  
***for you are with me;***  
***your rod and your staff, they comfort me.***  
*You prepare a table before me*  
*in the presence of my enemies;*  
*you anoint my head with oil; my cup overflows.*  
***Surely goodness and mercy***  
***shall follow me all the days of my life,***  
***and I shall dwell in the house of the LORD forever.***

**Offertory Prayer**

**Offering:** Building the Future Fund

***Not What My Hands Have Done*** #260:1,2,3 (PH)  
Not what my hands have done can save my guilty soul;  
Not what my toiling flesh has borne  
Can make my spirit whole.  
Not what I feel or do can give me peace with God;  
Not all my prayers and sighs and tears  
Can bear my awful load.

Your voice alone, O Lord, can speak to me of grace;  
Your power alone, O Son of God, can all my sin erase.  
No other work but yours, no other blood will do;  
No strength but that which is divine  
Can bear me safely through.

I praise the Christ of God; I rest on love divine;  
And with unfaltering lip and heart I call this Savior mine.  
My Lord has saved my life and freely pardon gives;  
I love because he first loved me, I live because he lives.

(Children 3 years old – 2<sup>nd</sup> grade are invited  
to Children’s Church in the Ed. Building at this time.)

**Morning Prayer**

\* **Scripture:** *Romans 5:1-2 (ESV)* pg. 1181  
*<sup>1</sup> Therefore, since we have been justified by faith,*  
*we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ.*  
*<sup>2</sup> Through him we have also obtained access by faith into*  
*this grace in which we stand, and we rejoice in hope of*  
*the glory of God.*

*Romans 12:17-18 (ESV)* pg. 1189  
*<sup>17</sup> Repay no one evil for evil, but give thought to do what*  
*is honorable in the sight of all. <sup>18</sup> If possible, so far as it*  
*depends on you, live peaceably with all.*

*James 3:16-18 (ESV)* pg. 1268  
*<sup>16</sup> For where jealousy and selfish ambition exist, there will*  
*be disorder and every vile practice. <sup>17</sup> But the wisdom*  
*from above is first pure, then peaceable, gentle, open to*  
*reason, full of mercy and good fruits, impartial and*  
*sincere. <sup>18</sup> And a harvest of righteousness is sown in*  
*peace by those who make peace.*

This is the Word of the Lord.  
**Thanks be to God.**

**Message:** *Peace That Passes Understanding*

\* **Make Me a Channel of Your Peace** #545:1,2 (PH)

Make me a channel of Your peace.  
Where there is hatred, let me bring Your love;  
Where there is injury, Your pardon, Lord;  
And where there's doubt, true faith in You.

*Refrain:* O Master, grant that I may never seek  
So much to be consoled as to console,  
To be understood as to understand,  
To be loved as to love with all my soul.

Make me a channel of Your peace.  
Where there's despair in life, let me bring hope;  
Where there is darkness, let me bring Your light;  
And where there's sadness, ever joy. *Refrain*

\* **God's Blessing**

\* **Lord, Dismiss Us With Your Blessing** #520:1,2 (HFG)

Lord, dismiss us with Your blessing;  
Fill our hearts with joy and peace.  
Let us each, Your love possessing,  
Triumph in redeeming grace.  
O refresh us, O refresh us,  
Traveling through this wilderness.

Thanks we give and adoration  
For Your gospel's joyful sound.  
May the fruits of Your salvation  
In our hearts and lives abound.  
Ever faithful, ever faithful  
To the truth may we be found.

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Pastor: Robert W  
Prayer: Ian H, Gene T  
Music: Shirley B, Mike S, Nancy Z  
Offering: First CRC Building the Future Fund is in place to fund future building projects of our church. For more information, talk to a member of the Long Range Ministry Team.

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**Peace That Passes Understanding**  
*Romans 5:1-2; Romans 12:17-18; James 3:16-18*

Character of Peace

Obstacles to Peace

Cultivating Peace



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