

"Seek peace and go after it"
Psalm 34:14

North Bethesda United Methodist Church

Sunday, September 29, 2024

Peace in Our World

pursuing

PEACE

NBUMC Fall Worship Series

Prelude

Simon Charette

Welcome and Announcements

*Call to Worship

Natalie McManus

We come together on this new day, our hearts wide open with love.

We come ready to nourish our spirits and renew our commitment to peace.

We come together as peace bearers and peacemakers.

May we bear peace in our hearts and be peacemakers in our communities.

Come, let us celebrate God's presence among us, an unending source of peace and compassion.

Praise be to God, who calls us to pursue peace for the benefit of all creation!

*Opening Hymn "Salaam Aleikum" Ghanaian Traditional, adapt. by March Anderson & Marty Haugen

The image shows a musical score for the hymn "Salaam Aleikum". It consists of two systems of music, each with a treble and bass staff. The first system has two verses of lyrics: "1. Sa - laam a - lei - kum le, sa - laam a - lei - kum le," and "2. May peace be in your hearts, may peace be in your homes,". The second system has two verses: "sa - laam a - lei - kum le, sa - laam a - lei - kum - le." and "may peace be in your land, may peace be in our world." The music is in a 7/8 time signature and features a mix of eighth and quarter notes.

Word for All Ages

Prayers of the People

Hymn

"This is My Song"

UMH 437

*Scripture Readings

Isaiah 2:1-4
Matthew 5:1-16

Natalie McManus

Message

"Flipping the Script"

Rev. Kara

Offertory

"Go Forth into the World in Peace" (John Rutter)

NBUMC Choir

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*Doxology

"Praise God, From Whom All Blessings Flow"

UMH 95

*Unison Prayer

We bring these offerings as symbols of our commitment to continue the search for peace with justice in our local and global communities. We offer these gifts because we know that change is possible. We know that God's love can work through us, restoring hope and enabling us to live in God's way. We offer these gifts for the transformation of ourselves and our world for the good of all. Amen.

*Closing Hymn

"Let There Be Peace on Earth"

UMH 431

*Blessing

Postlude

*Indicates rising in body and/or spirit.

The Call to Worship and Unison Prayer are by Jennifer Watts.

Take Note!

- Our **Youth Kickoff** is this afternoon, from 4-6pm! We will meet for a potluck dinner at Cabin John Park, located at 7400 Tuckerman Lane, Bethesda, and gather at Picnic Shelter B. This is a whole family event - bring your parents, siblings, and any friends you can gather. We will provide the main dish and paper products, and if you can, bring a dish to share. Starting next week, our youth group will meet every Sunday from 5-7pm, alternating locations between Faith UMC and NBUMC. For more information, or if you'd like to volunteer to bring dinner to a gathering, email Suzanne Smedberg: ssmedberg@faithworkshere.com.
- Many thanks to all who have contributed items and money toward our **college care packages**! If you'd like to bring a homemade treat that ships well, next Sunday, October 6th, is the day to do it! We will pack the boxes and write notes to our seven college students after worship next week.
- The Arts Committee invites you to save the date for two October events: the annual **Blessing of the Pets** will be on Sunday, October 20th, at 4:30pm, and a special **Outdoor Movie Night** is scheduled for Saturday, October 26th, at 6:30pm. Kids are invited to wear their Halloween Costumes if they'd like, and everyone is encouraged to bring camping chairs and blankets. We'll provide popcorn and juice, and we'll show the movie *Cars*.

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