

**Sermon on the Mount Mennonite Church**  
August 18, 2019

**Prelude**

**Lighting of the peace lamp**

**Call to Worship**

We gather together  
in the name of the One who bids us come.  
**We gather together**  
**to hear the words of the One who is Love.**  
We gather together  
to sing praises of the One who teaches peace.  
**Come, let us worship!**

**Peace litany**

Christ sets before us this day life and death and calls for us  
to choose life that we and our children may live.  
**We accept life, so teach us to live.**  
Christ sets before us this day the challenge to seek peace  
and to pursue it.  
**We accept the challenge of peace, so enable us to pursue**  
**it.**  
Christ sets before us this day the call to be peacemakers;  
**to proclaim the gospel of Jesus Christ to a suffering**  
**world.**  
We gather to embody God's love and desire for peace for  
all people;  
**to hear and give voice to creation's cry for justice and**  
**peace.**

We gather to name and confront the influence of evil  
within and among us;  
**to repent of our silence and complicity with the powers**  
**of chaos and death.**  
We gather to join with the oppressed and troubled people  
of the world in the struggle for liberation and peace;  
**to work for justice, healing and wholeness of life.**  
We gather to embrace the unity of God's people and  
Christ's church;  
**to make peace a reality.**

**Hymn** We are people of God's peace HWB 407  
**Scripture** Ephesians 6:10-20

**Meditation** Armor of God – shoes shod w/ gospel of peace  
**Hymn** Let there be peace on earth SR 53

**Offertory and prayer**

**Congregational prayer/sharing time**

**Hymn** Go, my children HWB 433

**Benediction**

Now, go forth from this place with renewed inspiration to  
do the work of God. Seek good, not evil, love goodness,  
and establish justice. This the greatest offering we can  
make; letting justice roll down like waters, and  
righteousness like an ever flowing stream. Go in peace,  
with love for our neighbors.

**Share the sign of peace**