



## Peace Be With You

*A Liturgy of the Blue Ridge District for Light and Hope*

Welcome and Greeting

Rev. Rob Parsons

Hymn 178

“Hope of the World”

VICAR

### Call to Worship

Leader: O God we gather with heavy hearts.

**All: Knowing that you are ever more ready to hear our prayer.**

Leader: O God, we gather to join our hearts.

**All: Trusting the air is thick with your presence.**

Leader: O God, we gather with hearts as one.

**All: Praying for your guidance as we seek your peace.**

Scripture Reading

Philippians 4:4-9

Pew Bible, NT p. 242 (LP) p. 187 (SP)

Song of Reflection

“Precious Lord”  
Gilbert Matta

arr. Thomas A. Dorsey

Invitation to Prayer

Rev. Rob Blackburn

### ***Litanies of Prayer for General Conference 2019***

**Litany of Peace**

*adapted from The Divine Liturgy of St. John Chrysostom*

Leader: In peace, let us pray to the Lord.

**All: Lord, have mercy.**

Leader: For peace from on high, especially during this time of uncertainty, let us pray to the Lord.

**All: Lord, have mercy.**

(Cont. on pg. 2)

Leader: For peace in the whole world, for United Methodist Church, and the 2019 called General Conference, let us pray to the Lord.

**All: Lord, have mercy.**

Leader: For all delegates traveling to St. Louis, we pray for the peace of Christ that passes all understanding, let us pray to the Lord.

**All: Lord, have mercy.**

### ***Sung Response***

Come and find the quiet center in the crowded life we lead,  
find the room for hope to enter, find the frame where we are freed:  
Clear the chaos and the clutter, clear our eyes that we can see  
all the things that really matter, be at peace, and simply be.

### *Silence*

### **Litany of Confession**

*adapted from a liturgy by Peter Nott*

Leader: O Lord, open our minds to see ourselves as you see us, beautifully and wonderfully made.

**All: Lord, hear our prayer**

Leader: Good Lord, deliver us.

**All: From selfishness;**

**from the desire to have our own way in all things;**

**from unwillingness to listen to others;**

**from resentment of criticism,**

Leader: Good Lord, deliver us.

**All: From love of power; from jealousy;**

**from taking pleasure in the weakness of others,**

Leader: Good Lord, deliver us.

**All: From fear of what others are thinking of us;**

**from fear of speaking what we know is truth,**

**and doing what we know is right,**

Leader: Good Lord, deliver us.

**All: From possessiveness about material things and people;**

**from carelessness about the needs of others;**

**from selfish use of time and money;**

**from all lack of generosity,**

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Leader: Good Lord, deliver us.

**All: From laziness of conscience;  
from lack of self-discipline;  
from failure to be truthful;  
from pretense and acting a part;  
from hypocrisy;  
from all dishonesty with ourselves and with others,**

Leader: Good Lord, deliver us.

**All: From impurity in word, in thought, and in action;  
from failure to respect the bodies and minds of ourselves and others;**

Leader: Good Lord, deliver us.

**All: From hatred and anger;  
from sarcasm;  
from lack of sensitivity and division in our community;  
from all failure to love and to forgive.**

Leader: Good Lord, deliver us.

**All: Good Lord, deliver us.**

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### **Litany of Hope**

*adapted from Seasons of the Spirit*

Leader: We anticipate the beginning of this called General Conference.

**All: Turning our attention to You, God.**

Leader: God, there is so much worry and anxiety around the world.

Things seem so unsettled and unstable.

**All: Yet the story of faith reminds us to hope for the future.**

Leader: Help us to see the possibilities that always come with birth,

**All: help us to be people of hope,  
help us live out Your hope and justice.  
Teach us to sing your praise, O God.**

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Leader: Teach us to sing with notes formed by hope.

**All: Teach us to sing with harmonies shaped by mercy's wide embrace.**

**May all the earth join the chorus and dance to your beating heart.**

Leader: God, through wise ones of old you show us a vision of what could be.

Through mystics and prophets of today you challenge our vision of the Present.

**All: Remind us of that vision of peace and justice.**

Leader: Empower us to live as if we believe it is really possible.

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Leader: Teach us to sing with harmonies shaped by mercy's wide embrace.

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### *Silence*

Prayer for Unity and Peace

Rev. Beth Crissman

Hymn 206

"I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light"

HOUSTON

***While we sing, please feel free to light a candle  
as a sign of your prayers for General Conference***

During this time, we will also be praying for our delegates from WNCC and all 864 delegates from around the world. Please pray daily for our delegates listed here below (clergy names in italics):

**Jennifer Davis (Chair of Delegation)**

**Kimberly Ingram**

**Jennifer Burton**

**Amy Coles**

**Lynne Gilbert**

***David Christy***

**Coley Hooker**

***Ashley Crowder Stanley***

**Amy Johnson**

***In-Yong Lee***

**Shannon Sherfey**

***James Howell***

**Sandy Hieronymus**

***Jeremy Troxler***

**Hank Dozier**

***Sam Moore***

**Robert Upchurch**

***John Boggs***

**Tonya Lanier**

***Jeff Patterson***

**Reserves:**

**Sarah McKinney**

***Sally M. Queen***

**Andrew Woods**

***Shelly Webb***