



Finding God at the
Intersection of Our Lives

Memorial Day Weekend
May 26, 2018

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“Revealing Christ, affirming all”

“Let Us Be Peacemakers”

*An Adventist Peace Sabbath Liturgy
for Memorial Day*



TODAY'S OPTIONS @ THE PERSONAL GROWTH MARKETPLACE

- 9:00 a.m.: Courtyard Café, Central Courtyard
- 9:00 a.m.: Heritage Room, below Sanctuary foyer
- 9:30 a.m.: Study, Discussion, and Support Groups:
 - Sanctuary*—Adventist Beliefs Bible Study: Follows H.M.S. Richards Bible Study.
 - Chapel*—“End-Time Preparation” Bible study group (traditional Sabbath School lesson).
 - Fellowship Hall, North*—Grace Center book discussion: “Original Blessing: Putting Sin In Its Rightful Place” (Danielle Shroyer)
 - Classroom 4*—The Living Project (on hiatus — please visit another group for now)
 - Multipurpose Room*—Living the Questions

CITY KIDS' MORNING SCHEDULE

- 10:40 a.m.: Family Praise Time, Sanctuary
- 11:15 a.m.: Worship Groups, Lower Level Classrooms
Follow City Kids' staff as they leave the sanctuary after story time
 - Beginners: Ages 0-3, Room 2 Kindergarten: Grades PreK-1, Room 1
 - Primary: Grades 2-5, Room 3 Early-teen: Grades 6-8, Room 4

OPEN DOOR HIGH SCHOOL STUDENT MINISTRY

- 11:15 a.m.: Worship with Pastor Lemar in the Youth Lounge & Café

WORSHIP SCHEDULE

- 11:00 a.m.: Sanctuary, Homily, Pastor Todd Leonard, “Swords into Plowshares”

AFTERNOON SCHEDULE

- 12:30 p.m., **Potluck, Fellowship Hall.** Bring a dish to share — all welcome!
- 3:00 p.m., **L.A. Adventist Forum**, Paulo de Oliveira, doctoral student at Fuller Theological Seminary and pastor of the Northridge Adventist Church will present “The Muslim Next Door: How the Images of Islam & Muslims Affect Christians in the Pursuit of Loving Your Neighbor & Justice.” Paulo previously pastored churches in Brazil and the United Arab Emirates.

SATURDAY WORSHIP



CITY KIDS' PRAISE TIME — 10:40 a.m., Sanctuary *(Please turn off all cell phones & pagers.)*
Welcome to City Church. Our City Kids start with a joyful praise time, followed by the worship service. We invite you to come and be a part of our City Church family!

WORSHIP SERVICE — 11:00 a.m., Sanctuary

Prelude "It Is Well With My Soul" *Kemp L. Smeal*
Kemp Smeal, *piano*

Invocation Searcher of hearts, kindle, we pray, *Leif Lind*
in every heart the true love of peace and justice.
Guide with your wisdom those who take counsel for the nations of the earth,
so that in tranquility your dominion may increase
until the whole earth is filled with the knowledge of your love;
through Jesus Christ the Prince of Peace, who lives and reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit, now and forever. **Amen**

Opening Hymn "Lord of Our Life" *No. 514*

Baptism Bronson Lopez, Ben Garcia; Candidates: Kyrie Rabello and Tiffany Oeung

Prayer Anthem "Make Me a Channel of Your Peace" (Prayer of St. Francis) *Allen Pote*
City Church Sanctuary Choir, *director: Clarissa Shan*

"Let Us Be Peacemakers" *An Adventist Peace Sabbath Liturgy*

A Reading from the Prophets: Isaiah 2:1-4 *Lee Posner*

This is what Isaiah son of Amoz saw concerning Judah and Jerusalem: In the last days the mountain of the LORD's temple will be established as the highest of the mountains; it will be exalted above the hills, and all nations will stream to it.

Many peoples will come and say, "Come, let us go up to the mountain of the LORD, to the temple of the God of Jacob. He will teach us his ways, so that we may walk in his paths." The law will go out from Zion, the word of the LORD from Jerusalem. He will judge between the nations and will settle disputes for many peoples. They will beat their swords into plowshares and their spears into pruning hooks. Nation will not take up sword against nation, nor will they train for war anymore.

A Reading from the Psalms: Psalm 122 *Clarissa Shan*

I rejoiced with those who said to me, "**Let us go to the house of the LORD.**" Our feet are standing in your gates, Jerusalem.

Jerusalem is built like a city that is closely compacted together. That is where the tribes go up—the tribes of the LORD—to praise the name of the LORD according to the statute given to Israel. There stand the thrones for judgment, the thrones of the house of David.

Pray for the peace of Jerusalem: "**May those who love you be secure. May there be peace within your walls and security within your citadels.**" For the sake of my family and friends, I will say, "Peace be within you." For the sake of the house of the LORD our God, I will seek your prosperity.

Hymn of Reflection

“Christ Is the World’s True Light”

No. 345 (Tune: NUN DANKET)

(1) Christ is the world’s true light, its captain of salvation,
The daystar clear and bright of every man and nation;
New life, new hope awakes where’er men own his sway:
Freedom her bondage breaks, and night is turned to day.

(2) In Christ all races meet, their ancient feuds forgetting,
The whole round world complete, from sunrise to its setting:
When Christ is throned as Lord, men shall forsake their fear,
To plowshare beat the sword, to pruning hook the spear.

(3) One Lord, in one great name unite us all who own thee,
Cast out our pride and shame that hinder to enthrone thee;
The world has waited long, has travailed long in pain,
To heal its ancient wrong, come, Prince of Peace, and reign.

A Reading from the Epistles: Ephesians 2:11-22

Dave Ferguson

Therefore, remember that formerly you who are Gentiles by birth and called “uncircumcised” by those who call themselves “the circumcision” (which is done in the body by human hands) — remember that at that time you were separate from Christ, excluded from citizenship in Israel and foreigners to the covenants of the promise, without hope and without God in the world. But now in Christ Jesus you who once were far away have been brought near by the blood of Christ.

For he himself is our peace, who has made the two groups one and has destroyed the barrier, the dividing wall of hostility, by setting aside in his flesh the law with its commands and regulations. His purpose was to create in himself one new humanity out of the two, thus making peace, and in one body to reconcile both of them to God through the cross, by which he put to death their hostility. He came and preached peace to you who were far away and peace to those who were near. For through him we both have access to the Father by one Spirit.

Consequently, you are no longer foreigners and strangers, but fellow citizens with God’s people and also members of his household, built on the foundation of the apostles and prophets, with Christ Jesus himself as the chief cornerstone. In him the whole building is joined together and rises to become a holy temple in the Lord. And in him you too are being built together to become a dwelling in which God lives by his Spirit.

Worship in Song

“Lamb of God”

Twila Paris

Susan Kasenow, *soprano*

A Reading from the Gospels: Luke 6:27-36

Ruth Counts

But to you who are listening I say: Love your enemies, do good to those who hate you, bless those who curse you, pray for those who mistreat you. If someone slaps you on one cheek, turn to them the other also. If someone takes your coat, do not withhold your shirt from them. Give to everyone who asks you, and if anyone takes what belongs to you, do not demand it back. Do to others as you would have them do to you.

If you love those who love you, what credit is that to you? Even sinners love those who love them. And if you do good to those who are good to you, what credit is that to you? Even sinners do that. And if you lend to those from whom you expect repayment, what credit is that to you? Even sinners lend to sinners, expecting to be repaid in full. But love your enemies, do good to them, and lend to them without expecting to get anything back. Then your reward will be great, and you will be children of the Most High, because he is kind to the ungrateful and wicked. Be merciful, just as your Father is merciful.

Homily

“Swords Into Plowshares”

Todd Leonard

Call to Offering

Todd Leonard

Choral Offertory

“Down by the Riverside”

Moses Hogan

Hymn of Response

Sy Miller/Jill Jackson (Tune: WORLD PEACE)

(1) Let there be peace on earth, and let it begin with me;
Let there be peace on earth, the peace that was meant to be.
With God our Creator, children all are we.
Let us walk with each other in perfect harmony.

(2) Let peace begin with me, let this be the moment now.
With every step I take, let this be my solemn vow:
To take each moment and live each moment in peace eternally.
Let there be peace on earth, and let it begin with me.

Congregational Litany of Response: “Let Us Be Peacemakers”

Todd Leonard

Father of all nature and Lord of the Church, you formed our world in creation
and redeemed it by becoming our brother among the least of us:

With your word and work, energize and strengthen our world for peace,
our church in welfare, and our unity with all people,

So that our faith in your kingdom will grow stronger each day;

Lord as you make us complete: **Let the rumors about your people be good news.**

Uphold the members of your universal Church and cause us
in our various denominational branches to share the witness of Jesus’ love and justice,
whether we be bishop, presbyter, or president; pastor, priest, or deacon;

laity baptismal candidate or guest congregant, may our motives be true;

Lord as you make us complete: **Let the rumors about your people be good news.**

Through nature and our witness, teach those who govern us, especially the heads of state,
presidents, monarchs or prime ministers, law makers, judicial rulers, and local magistrates
that they may serve in a manner worthy of the honor to which they are called;

Lord as you make us complete: **Let the rumors about your people be good news.**

Grant us an abundant yield of the earth’s produce and the wisdom to distribute it fairly;
turn the conflicts between religious traditions

into the soil of respectful sharing and witness of your work in our world.

Lord as you make us complete: **Let the rumors about your people be good news.**

Restore hope and dignity to those who suffer;

heal the sick, shelter the refugee, comfort those who sorrow and mourn.

Make us all to persevere—knowing that your work in us is not finished yet, but in the meantime;

Lord as you make us complete: **Let the rumors about your people be good news.**

With grace accept these and all our prayers, and grant us the patience
to await the time of your answer; through Jesus Christ our Lord and Savior. **Amen.**

Choral Response

“God Be With You Till We Meet Again”

Postlude

“Watermusic Suite—Hornpipe”

George F. Handel



ELDER OF THE DAY: Mike Quishenberry

DEACON OF THE DAY: Ramy Selliah