

Food and Faith

February 6, 2026 at 7:00pm

Message: "Peace"

Rev. Gary Rarick, pastor

Linda Michael, pianist

Welcome

Opening Prayer

Song to Sing together: "Children of God"

NCH #533

Children of God, lift hearts to one another;
Where pity dwells, the peace of God is there;
To worship rightly is to love each other,
Each smile a hymn, each kindly deed a prayer.

For God whom Jesus loved has truly spoken:
The holier worship which Christ deigns to bless
Restores the lost, and binds the spirit broken,
And feeds the widow and the parentless.

Follow with reverent steps the great example
Of Christ whose holy work was doing good;
So shall the wide earth seem a holly temple,
Each loving life a psalm of gratitude.

Then shall all shackles fall; the stormy clangor
Of wild war music o'er the earth shall cease;
Love shall tread out the baleful fire of anger,
And in its ashes plant the tree of peace.

Confessional Prayers

Let us pray together.

Holy One, we lift up to you this prayer of confession with open hearts and repentant spirits. We ask that you will forgive us for the times when we are not peaceful. Forgive us for the moments when we become angry or frustrated because we do not agree with what is happening in our world. Help us to forgive and help us to be the peacemakers in our community. Guide our hands and our hearts that we might be forgiven for the times in our lives when we don't do the right thing. Uplift us with the knowledge that we are forgiven and we are loved as children of God. Amen.

Holy Communion: Special music during the Communion Distribution

Pastoral Prayer

Lord’s Prayer

Song to Sing together: “Peace I Leave with You, My Friends”

NCH #249

Peace I leave with you, my friends, shalom, my peace, in all you do.
Peace I leave with you, my friends. I give to you so you can give to others, too.
To share God’s love is why I came, to show God’s kindness without end.
Go now, my friends, and do the same, until I come again.

Peace I leave with you, my friends, shalom, my peace, in all you do.
Peace I leave with you, my friends. I give to you so you can give to others, too.
Take my hand and be at peace; the spirit of our love I send.
And with this love you will be free, until I come again.

Peace I leave with you, my friends, shalom, my peace, in all you do.
Peace I leave with you, my friends. I give to you so you can give to others, too.
With this love now all will know that loneliness is at an end.
Rejoice, my friends, although I go, for I will come again.

Peace I leave with you, my friends, shalom, my peace, in all you do.
Peace I leave with you, my friends. I give to you so you can give to others, too.

Words to Ponder