

SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

WINNETKA PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

TWENTIETH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
OCTOBER 15, 2023

GATHERING

ORGAN PRELUDE

Give Me Jesus

WELCOME

SILENT MEDITATION

INTROIT

The Lord Is My Shepherd



The Lord is my shep herd, _____ I shall not want. _____



He makes me to lie down _____ in fields of green. _____



He leads me be - side _____ the wat-ers so still. _____



My soul is re-freshed, he leads me a - long the path-way of love.

Shout with joy to God, all the earth!
Remember that Adonai is the only God—

**the One who made us,
the One who sustains us,
the One whose Spirit lives within us.**

Enter God's house with thanksgiving,
and come into God's presence with praise.

**For God is good,
with unfailing love that lasts forever,
and faithfulness that extends to all generations.**

HYMN 22 | STANDING

God of the Sparrow

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

O Lord, you are our shepherd,
and yet we want.
We lie down when we could act.
We stir the pot when we could offer peace.
We wander tempting paths instead of following you.
We see courage and comfort in earthly things rather than in you.
We hate our enemies and refuse to break bread with them.
We see scarcity even when you offer abundance.
We pray for forgiveness,
for your goodness and mercy,
so that we might dwell in you and your grace forever.

Silence is kept for personal confession.

Amen.

WORDS OF ASSURANCE

RESPONSE

Like a Rock



Like a rock, like a rock, God is un - der our feet. _



Like a star - ry night sky, God is o - ver our head. _



Like a sun on the ho - ri - zon, God is ev - er be - fore. _



Like the riv - er runs to o - cean, our home is in God ev - er - more.

WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

HEBREW SCRIPTURE

Isaiah 25:1-9

This is the Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

CHORAL RESPONSE

Shepherd Song

Walk with me beside the quiet waters.

Rest with me in shade of pasture green.

Hear my call when the morning sun breaks over the mountain.

Follow me.

Where you go, my love will surely follow.

Where you sit, my cup will overflow.

When you walk through the valley of the shadow you will smile;
you will know you're not alone.

This is the Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

*Children are dismissed to Sunday School (K-6) following the scripture readings.
Please pick up your children from their classrooms following worship.*

SERMON

“Putting On Our Wedding Clothes”
Rev. Paul Gilmore

HYMN | STANDING

Look Who Gathers at Christ’s Table!



1. Look who gath - ers at Christ's ta - ble! Hear the sto - ries
2. Clouds of light sur - round the ta - ble; an - cient fol - low -
3. Their sad sto - ries are re - peat - ed in a thou - sand
4. Bring your joy and bring your sad - ness, and pre - pare to




that they bring. Some are weep - ing; some are laugh - ing;
ers ap - pear, saints con - fess - ing how they wres - tled
dif - ferent ways, but they share one thing in com - mon:
be sur - prised by the host whose hands are wound - ed,




some have songs they want to sing. Oth - ers__ ask why
with their guilt, their doubt, their fear. Pe - ter__ tells of
they all end in thanks and praise for the__ host who
who will op - en wide your eyes when he__ bless - es



they're in - vit - ed, bur - dened with the wrong they've done.
his de - ny - ing Christ was ev - er in his sight;
has in - vi - ted north and south and east and west
bread and breaks it, truth and man - na from a - bove!



Christ in - sists that all are wel - come.
 Paul re - lates his fruit - less ef - forts
 to con - verge a - round this ta - ble,
 and then pass - es wine that wak - ens



There is room for ev - - 'ry - one.
 to ob - lit - er - ate the light.
 where all life is fed and blest.
 in your heart the taste of love.

MOMENT FOR MINISTRY

David Holly, John Person
 Stephen Ministry

SHARING THE PEACE | STANDING

The peace of Christ be with you.
And also with you.

SONG OF PEACE | STANDING

Let There Be Peace on Earth
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PRAYERS FOR PEACE

God of peace,
hear our prayer.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name.
 Thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.
 Give us this day our daily bread;
 and forgive us our debts as we forgive our debtors;
 and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.
 For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory, forever. Amen.

THANKSGIVING

OFFERING

DOXOLOGY | STANDING



Praise God, from whom all bless - ings flow; praise Christ, all peo-ple
here be - low; praise Ho - ly Spir - it ev - er - more;
praise Tri-une God, whom we a - dore. A - men.

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING | STANDING

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them up to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give God thanks and praise.

We give you thanks, wonderful God,
for the gift of life,
for the opportunities of life,
and for the invitations to flourish in life.

May we be as whole-hearted as you in all we do,
as generous as you in all we give,
as daring as you in all we dream,
and as faithful as you in all our relationships.
Amen.

SENDING


HYMN 772 | STANDING

Live Into Hope


CHARGE AND BENEDICTION | STANDING

POSTLUDE


LET THERE BE PEACE ON EARTH



Let there be peace on earth, and let it be - gin with me;___




let there be peace on earth, the peace that was meant to be. ___



___ With God our cre - a - tor, ___ fam - 'ly all are we. ___




Let us walk with each oth - er ___ in per - fect har - mo - ny. ___



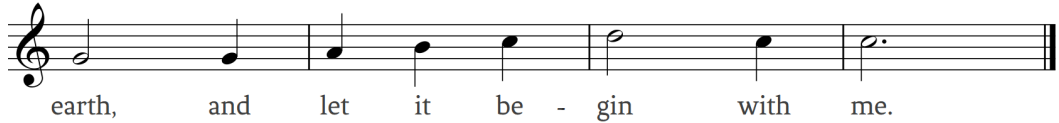
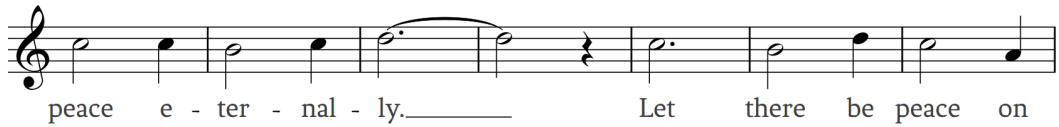
Let peace be - gin with me, let this be the mo - ment now. ___



With ev - 'ry step I take, let this be my so - lemnn vow: ___



___ to take each mo - ment and live each mo - ment in



Sy Miller and Jill Jackson. Copyright © 1955, 1983 Jan-Lee Music.



In 1955, Jill Jackson wrote the lyrics for “Let There Be Peace on Earth” while her husband, Sy Miller, wrote the melody. The song was introduced at a California retreat to a group of young people who were from a wide variety of religious, ethnic and socioeconomic backgrounds. The

young people had come together for a weeklong experience devoted to developing friendship and understanding through education, discussion and working together. The song’s focus on peace and God made it easy to cross many boundaries.

Sy Miller wrote about the effect of the song: “One summer evening in 1955, a group of 180 teenagers of all races and religions, meeting at a workshop high in the California mountains locked arms, formed a circle and sang a song of peace. They felt that singing the song, with its simple basic sentiment helped to create a climate for world peace and understanding. When they came down from the mountain, these inspired young people brought the song with them and started sharing it. And, as though on wings, ‘Let There Be Peace on Earth’ began an amazing journey around the globe.”



Stephen Ministers are members of our congregation who have received 50 hours of training to provide one-to-one emotional and spiritual care to people in our congregation and community experiencing challenges in life such as...

- Loss of a loved one
- Hospitalization
- Divorce or separation
- Loneliness or discouragement
- Spiritual crisis
- Unemployment or a job crisis
- Terminal illness
- Incarceration
- Aging
- Birth, adoption, miscarriage, or infertility
- Chronic illness
- Relocation
- Recovery after an accident of disaster

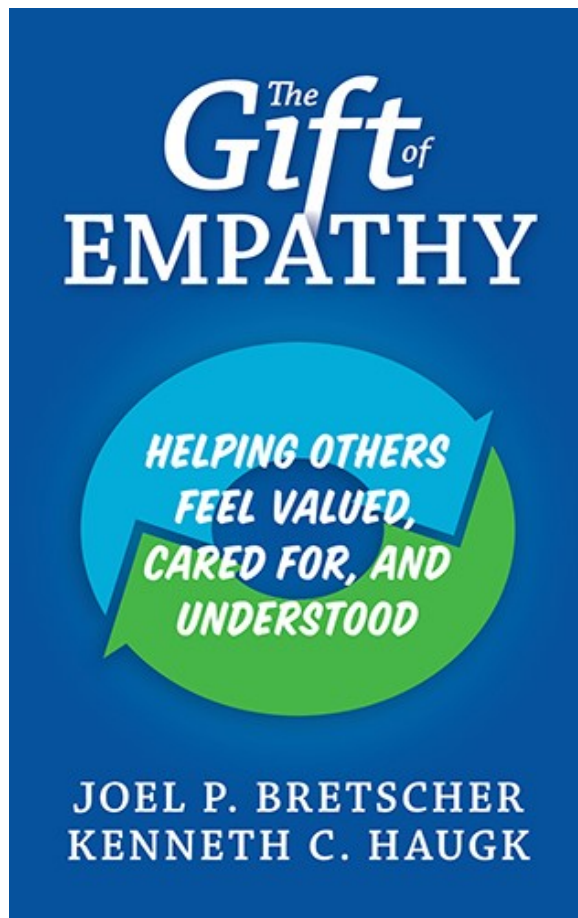
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If you think you could benefit from a Stephen Minister, please contact our Stephen Ministry Coordinator, David Holly (dholly@triunity-ventures.com)

STEPHEN MINISTRY BOOK DISCUSSION

Sundays, Oct 22, 29 and Nov 5

Following worship in Conference Room B



Join us following worship on Oct 22, 29 and Nov 5 for a discussion on *The Gift of Empathy*.

The Gift of Empathy: Helping Others Feel Valued, Cared for, and Understood presents a fresh approach to a familiar concept, providing practical insights and real-life examples that equip readers to relate in empathetic ways that make a difference in the lives of all those they encounter.

Empathy is a skill anyone can learn, and this book lays out principles and practices that empower you to better understand, connect with, and care for family, friends, coworkers, and others you may relate to. As you practice and strengthen your ability to empathize, you will experience more caring interactions and more meaningful connections in all areas of your life.

That's the power of empathy, and helping people discover that power and apply it in their own lives is what *The Gift of Empathy* is all about.

You can pick up the book TODAY following worship (\$15 suggested donation). You can also purchase the book directly from stephenministries.org/On_Line_Store/viewitem.cfm?mnbtgoe=1&ItemID=1035.

WEEKLY OPPORTUNITIES

Information about weekly Bible studies and small groups can be found in your weekly email or at winnpres.org. Sign up at winnpres.org to receive our weekly email.

MEN'S SMALL GROUP (CONFERENCE B)

Saturdays @ 8:30am

WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY (CONFERENCE A)

Saturdays @ 10am

MEN'S BIBLE STUDY (ZOOM)

Tuesdays @ 7am

BIBLE STUDY (CONFERENCE B / ZOOM)

Wednesdays @ 11am

ANNOUNCEMENTS



OFFERING

You can financially support the ministry of WPC in one of the following ways:

- Scan this QR code.
- Place your offering in the offering plate.
- Give online at winnpres.org/give-online.

VOLUNTEER FOR SUNDAY SCHOOL

We need 6 volunteers each week for our three classrooms: a teacher, and a guide in each class. Contact Nancy Holly if you're interested in helping out in this way.

SERVING TODAY

Worship Leaders: Paul Gilmore, Geoff Duffy

Greeters: Matt Baker, Nancy Holly

Lectors: Cindy Ritchell, Andy Langan

Prayer Leader: Cindy Ritchell

Musicians: Warren Oja, Annie Liu, Choir

Sound Technician: Kyle Fox

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