



Worship with the NIC Cabinet
Shared at Rochelle UMC on November 22, 2020

Prelude "Same Power" arr. by David Wise
performed by the Crystal Lake Celebration Singers,
First Church UMC, Crystal Lake

Welcome and Greeting Rev. Jeffrey Bross, Aurora District Superintendent

Call to Worship Rev. Arlene Christopherson, Assistant to the Bishop and
Director of Connectional Ministries

Sing praises to God, O you saints, and give thanks to God's holy name!

We exalt you, O God, for you have restored us to life!

We may cry through the night, but your joy comes with the morning.

You hear us, O God, and you are gracious in our distress.

You turn our mourning into dancing!

Our souls cannot be silent!

O God, our Savior, we give thanks to you forever!

(Book of Worship #453)

Invitation to offering & Prayer Rev. Jacques Conway, Chicago Southern District Superintendent

Offering Music "Draw the Circle Wide" by Mark Miller and Gordon Light
performed by the Chicago Northwestern District Combined Choir

Prayers of the People Rev. Darneather Murph-Heath, Elgin District Superintendent

1st Scripture Lesson Rev. Fabiola Grandon-Mayer, Rockford District Superintendent
Isaiah 11:6-9 (CEB)

The wolf will live with the lamb,
and the leopard will lie down with the young goat;
the calf and the young lion will feed[a] together,
and a little child will lead them.

The cow and the bear will graze.
Their young will lie down together,
and a lion will eat straw like an ox.

A nursing child will play over the snake's hole;
toddlers will reach right over the serpent's den.

They won't harm or destroy anywhere on my holy mountain.
The earth will surely be filled with the knowledge of the Lord,
just as the water covers the sea.

Saint Francis' Prayer

Please join Bishop and the Cabinet in prayer

**Lord, make me an instrument of your peace,
Where there is hatred, let me sow love; Where there is injury, pardon;
Where there is doubt, faith; Where there is despair, hope;
Where there is darkness, light; Where there is sadness, joy;
O Divine Master, Grant that I may not so much seek to be consoled as to console;
to be understood as to understand;
To be loved as to love. For it is in giving that we receive;
It is in pardoning that we are pardoned;
And it is in dying that we are born to eternal life. Amen.**

2nd Scripture Lesson Rev. Brian Gilbert, DeKalb District Superintendent
Ephesians 6:10-18 (NRSV)

Finally, be strong in the Lord and in the strength of his power. Put on the whole armor of God, so that you may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil. For our struggle is not against enemies of blood and flesh, but against the rulers, against the authorities, against the cosmic powers of this present darkness, against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly places. Therefore take up the whole armor of God, so that you may be able to withstand on that evil day, and having done everything, to stand firm. Stand therefore, and fasten the belt of truth around your waist, and put on the breastplate of righteousness. As shoes for your feet put on whatever will make you ready to proclaim the gospel of peace. With all of these take the shield of faith, with which you will be able to quench all the flaming arrows of the evil one. Take the helmet of salvation, and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God. Pray in the Spirit at all times in every prayer and supplication. To that end keep alert and always persevere in supplication for all the saints.

Sermon

Bishop Sally Dyck, Northern Illinois Conference

“Deep Peace and the Peaceable Kin-dom”

Closing Hymn

Rev. Dr. Tércio B. Junker

Dean of the Chapel and Director, Course of Study Program
Garrett-Evangelical Theological Seminary

“Doce Paz” (“Sweet Peace”)

Paz,
que a doce paz,
de Jesus Cristo,
seja sobre nós,
nossas casas e famílias,
hoje e eternamente,
hoje e para sempre.
Seja sempre assim, seja.
Amém.

Paz,
la dulce paz
de Jesucristo,
venga_a_este lugar,
a las casas y familias,
hoy y_eternamente,
hoy y para siempre.
Sea siempre así, siempre.
Amén.

Peace,
may Christ's sweet peace,
come to all in this place
and everywhere,
come to shelters and to families,
here and far away,
now and evermore.
May we live in peace, always.
Amen.

Benediction

Rev. Martin Lee

Director, Congregational Development and Redevelopment

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