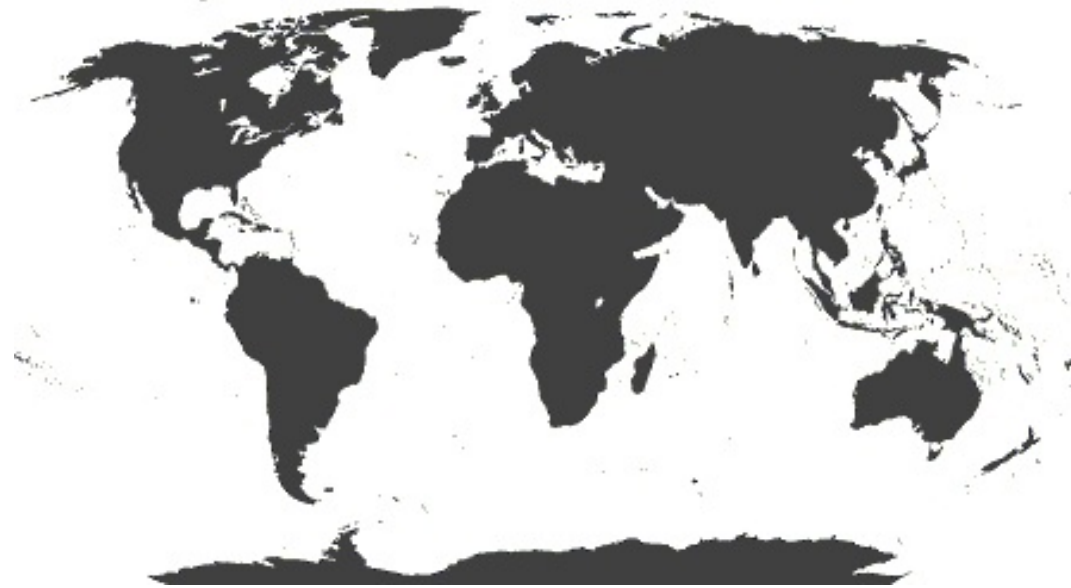


## For God So Loved the World

The theme for our Lenten services this year is, "For God So Loved the World." Each week we have focused our prayers and concerns on a different region of the world. This evening we pray for peace in the Holy Land and the Middle East.



The Order of Worship

4-1-2015

### HOLY WEDNESDAY PRAYER SERVICE

SILENT MEDITATION

HYMN Holy Spirit, Come to Us

Jacques Berthier

*Leader will sing once, then all repeat three times.*

OPENING SENTENCES:

The cross... **We shall take it.**  
The bread... **We shall break it.**  
The pain... **We shall bear it.**  
The joy... **We shall share it.**  
The gospel... **We shall live it.**  
The love... **We shall give it.**  
The light... **We shall cherish it.**  
The darkness... **God shall perish it.**  
**Amen.**

HYMN We Are One in the Spirit

Peter Scholtes

*Leader sings verse one. All sing remaining verses.*

We are one in the Spirit, we are one in the Lord,  
We are one in the Spirit, we are one in the Lord,  
And we pray that all unity may one day be restored.

*Refrain*

And they'll know we are Christians by our love, by our love,  
Yes, they'll know we are Christians by our love.

We will walk with each other, we will walk hand in hand,  
We will walk with each other, we will walk hand in hand,  
And together we'll spread the news that God is in our land.

We will work with each other, we will work side by side,  
We will work with each other, we will work side by side,  
And we'll guard each one's dignity and save each one's pride.

All praise to the Father, from whom all things come,  
And all praise to Christ Jesus, his only Son,  
And all praise to the Spirit, who makes us one.

SCRIPTURE READING

Isaiah 56:1-3,6-8

SILENT MEDITATION ON THE SCRIPTURE

SPECIAL MUSIC Bless the Lord, O My Soul

Ippolitov-Ivanov

Lisa Ellis, Meredith Mackay, Terrance McCracken, John Johnson

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION:

Loving God, we hold in your healing presence those who suffer pain and ill-health, with their families, friends and those who care for them...

**May they know the peace of God which surpasses understanding**

Loving God, we hold in your healing presence those who suffer in mind and spirit, and all who care for them...

**Guard their hearts and their minds in Christ Jesus**

Loving God, we hold in your healing presence the suffering people of our world, and the places where people are experiencing division, injustice and violence...

**May your ever-present Spirit abide with them**

Loving God, we hold in your presence the land we call Holy and all the peoples of the Middle East...

**Bring peace, O God. Heal divisions. Guide all by a vision of common humanity.**

Loving God, we hold in your healing presence those struggling to overcome addiction or abuse, those supporting and working with them, and all whose suffering has distanced them from those who love...

**May they know the peace of God which surpasses understanding**

Loving God, we hold in your healing presence those facing bereavement. We also pray for those who have died...

**Guard their hearts and their minds in Christ Jesus**

Loving God, we hold in your healing presence those whose needs are known to us, and those whose names we do not know, but who are known to you

**May your ever-present Spirit abide with them**

SILENCE:

(Leader concludes the silence...)

Gracious God, you know our frailty and understand our failures. Cleanse us by your forgiveness, purge the stain of sin, and make pure our hearts within us. Mend what is broken in our lives, that we may be made whole with the peace of Jesus Christ, our Savior...

THE LORD'S PRAYER

**THE BENEDICTION** Shalom, Chaverim!

*Congregation gathered together, reaching out touching a neighbor's shoulder or hand.*

Israeli round

**PASS THE PEACE**

The Peace of Christ be with you all.

**And also with you.**

*(Pass the peace with one another as you leave)*

Thank you to Meredith Mackay, Terrance McCracken, John Johnson and Lisa Ellis for their enrichment of our worship this evening.

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**Maundy Thursday, April 2**

Worship and Celebration of Communion – 8:00 p.m.

**Easter Sunday, April 5**

Worship – 9:00 a.m. and 11:00 a.m.

Easter Breakfast/Egg Hunt – 10:00 a.m.

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