

SPECIAL
SUNDAY

WORSHIP & PRAYER

PEACE WITH JUSTICE SUNDAY



These worship resources are part of the Peace with Justice Sunday pastor and leader kit and connects with the theme “The Trinity’s Expansive Love: A Call to See, Listen, and Act.” It can be adapted for your context and integrated into your worship service with the other material in the kit. **It is based on the scriptures Psalm 8 and John 16:12-15.**

CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: Come, all who seek the presence of the Living God. Look to the heavens, the work of God’s hands.

People: Who are we, that God is mindful of us? Who are we, that God calls us beloved?

Leader: The Spirit moves, calling us into truth, disturbing our comfort, and urging us toward justice.

People: May we be a people who listen, who see, who move as God moves.

Leader: The Triune God—Creator, Christ, and Spirit—welcomes us into love without limits, a grace that knows no borders.

People: We come to worship the One who is beyond us, with us, and within us.

Leader: Let us step boldly into the presence of God, ready to be changed.

All: We come, hearts open, lives ready. Come, Holy Spirit, and lead us forward!

Prayer of Confession

God of all creation, we confess that we have not always followed where your Spirit leads.

You call us to love boldly, yet we choose comfort.

You show us those who are hurting, yet we turn away.

You invite us into holy movement, yet we cling to what feels safe.

Forgive us, O God, for the ways we have silenced truth, ignored justice, and resisted change.

Forgive us for the moments when we have seen suffering and called it “not our problem.”

Forgive us for when we have let fear keep us from speaking, from acting, from loving as you love.

Send your Spirit to unsettle us, to shake loose our hesitation, and to lead us into the kind of faith that moves beyond these walls and into the world. We do not want to be a people of empty words. We long to be a Church that embodies your justice, your mercy, and your welcome.

In the name of the One who sees us, the One who speaks truth, the One who never stops moving—Amen.

(Silence for personal confession.)

Assurance of Pardon:

God is still speaking. God is still moving. God is still calling us forward.

In Christ, we are forgiven. In the Spirit, we are empowered. May we live as people who not only receive grace but extend it—boldly, generously, without hesitation.

All: Thanks be to God. Amen.

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