



Tuesday Night at Immanuel

Immanuel Lutheran Church
164 Hanover Street, Meriden, CT
Every Tuesday Night at 7:00 pm

Tuesday, December 1, 2020

Peace on Earth, Good Will Toward Us

“¹⁴Glory to God in the highest heaven, and on earth peace among those whom he favors!” (Other ancient authorities read *peace, goodwill among people.*) (Lk 2.14 NRSV)

“⁶For a child has been born for us, a son given to us; authority rests upon his shoulders; and he is named Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace. ⁷His authority shall grow continually, and there shall be endless peace for the throne of David and his kingdom. He will establish and uphold it with justice and with righteousness from this time onward and forevermore. The zeal of the Lord of hosts will do this.” (Isaiah 9.6-7 NRSV)

“²⁹Master, now you are dismissing your servant in peace, according to your word; ³⁰for my eyes have seen your salvation, ³¹which you have prepared in the presence of all peoples, ³²a light for revelation to the Gentiles and for glory to your people Israel.” (Lk 2.29-32 NRSV)

“⁹Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God.” (Mt 5.9 NRSV)

“³⁴Do not think that I have come to bring peace to the earth; I have not come to bring peace, but a sword.” (Mt 10.34 NRSV)

“True peace is not merely the absence of tension: it is the presence of justice.” (Martin Luther King)

⁴Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, Rejoice. ⁵Let your gentleness be known to everyone. The Lord is near. ⁶Do not worry about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. ⁷And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.” (Php 4.4-7)

³⁸But (Jesus) was in the stern, asleep on the cushion; and they woke him up and said to him, “Teacher, do you not care that we are perishing?” ³⁹He woke up and rebuked the wind, and said to the sea, “Peace! Be still!” Then the wind ceased, and there was a dead calm.” (Mk 4.38-39 NRSV)

O God, from whom come all holy desires, all good counsels, and all just works: Give to us, your servants, that peace which the world cannot give, that our hearts may be set to obey your commandments; and also that we, being defended from the fear of our enemies, may live in peace and quietness; through the merits of Jesus Christ our Savior, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, God forever. (ELW p 317)

O Lord, support us all the day long of this troubled life, until the shadows lengthen and the evening comes and the busy world is hushed, the fever of life is over, and our work is done. Then, in your mercy, grant us a safe lodging, and a holy rest, and peace at the last, through Jesus Christ our Lord. (ELW p 180 pr 421, from Cardinal John Henry Newman)

²⁵I have said these things to you while I am still with you. ²⁶But the Advocate, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, will teach you everything, and remind you of all that I have said to you. ²⁷Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you. I do not give to you as the world gives. Do not let your hearts be troubled, and do not let them be afraid. ²⁸You heard me say to you, ‘I am going away, and I am coming to you.’ If you loved me, you would rejoice that I am going to the Father, because the Father is greater than I. ²⁹And now I have told you this before it occurs, so that when it does occur, you may believe. ³⁰I will no longer talk much with you, for the ruler of this world is coming. He has no power over me; ³¹but I do as the Father has commanded me, so that the world may know that I love the Father. Rise, let us be on our way. (Jn 14.25-31 NRSV)

I like to put it like this. I went to church a lot as a kid. And we were always taught to love our enemies. Tai chi taught me something new... To love the enemy inside me, as well. So I don't look at peace as the absence of conflict anymore. I see it as the acceptance of conflict. (*Longmire*: S4E5, “Help Wanted”)

“²²The Lord spoke to Moses, saying: ²³Speak to Aaron and his sons, saying, Thus you shall bless the Israelites: You shall say to them, ²⁴The Lord bless you and keep you; ²⁵the Lord make his face to shine upon you, and be gracious to you; ²⁶the Lord lift up his countenance upon you, and give you peace. ²⁷So they shall put my name on the Israelites, and I will bless them.” (Num 6.22-27 NRSV)

Prayer List as of Tue 12/1/20

Kimberly Armino, Bertie Black, Bradley Home, Jeanette Burgess, Robin Coon, Alana Daley & family, Jack Gade, Charlie Gardinier, Charlotte Gardinier, Terri Herteux, family of Joey Hummel, Richard Kibwassali, Danielle Luft, Rit Marrero, Maureen, Cindy McCarthy, Ann Phipps, Bill Preuss, David Ray, Doug Schultz & family, Annette Sprude, AT, RT, Mary Yurian, those suffering from natural disasters, those who are suffering during the pandemic, and those and those we name aloud or in our hearts.