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Prayer & Remembrance

Providence Presbyterian Church

A Caring Christian Fellowship Reaching Out in Response to God's Love

The Twentieth Anniversary of 9/11

WELCOME to all. On September 11, 2001 our nation suffered devastating acts of terrorism and violence that resulted in the loss of 2,977 innocent lives and over 6,000 injuries in New York, Virginia, and Pennsylvania. Today we come together as people of faith to mark the twentieth anniversary of the September 11th attacks. We remember all who died and the families who loved them. And we gather here to pray, to remember all affected by this tragedy, and to proclaim that love is stronger than hate. We are grateful that you have joined us today, either in person or on Zoom, as we join together in prayer for continued healing and peace in our day.

ORGAN PRELUDE:

"L'Adieu"

John S. Dixon

(Dedicated to those who did not have the chance to say goodbye)

SOLO:

"Requiem Aeternam"
(Sarah Hyslop)

John S. Dixon

Requiem aeternam
dona eis Domine,
et lux perpetua luceat eis.
Te decet hymnus, Deus in Sion,
et tibi reddetur
votum in Jerusalem;
exaudi orationem meam,
ad te omnis caro veniet.

Eternal rest,
give to them, O Lord:
and let perpetual light shine on them.
A hymn, O God, becometh Thee in Zion,
and a vow shall be paid to Thee
in Jerusalem;
O Lord, hear my prayer,
All flesh shall come to Thee.

Kyrie eleison,
Christe eleison,
Kyrie eleison.

Lord have mercy on us,
Christ have mercy on us,
Lord have mercy on us.

OPENING PRAYER

Almighty God, kindle in every heart the true love of peace, and guide with your wisdom those who take counsel for the nations of the earth, that in tranquility your dominion may increase until the earth is filled with the knowledge of your truth and love. **Amen.**

HYMN 753:

"Make Me a Channel of Your Peace"

Prayer of St. Francis

music by Sebastian Temple, 1963

(Solo: Dudley Crosland) Make me a channel of your peace.

When there is hatred, let me bring your love.

Where there is injury, your pardon, Lord,
and where there's doubt, true faith in you.

***(Men)* Make me a channel of your peace.**

Where there's despair in life, let me bring hope.

**Where there is darkness, only light,
and where there's sadness, ever joy.**

***(Women)* O, Master, grant that I may never seek**

so much to be consoled as to console,

to be understood as to understand,

to be loved as to love with all my soul.

***(All)* Make me a channel of your peace.**

It is in pardoning that we are pardoned,

in giving of ourselves that we receive,

and in dying that we're born to eternal life.

ANTHEM:

"I Believe"

Mark A. Miller

I believe in the sun, even when it's not shining.

I believe in love, even when I don't feel it.

I believe in God, even when God is silent.

PRAYER OF REMEMBRANCE

Gracious and merciful God, we remember the terrible acts against humanity that the world has suffered and especially those in our country twenty years ago. We pray for the innocent victims and their families. We pray that those whose hearts are filled with hate might be turned toward love. Help us not to speak or act rashly, but fill our hearts with passion for those in need, and strengthen our wills that we may do justice, love mercy, and walk humbly before you. **Amen.**

DUET:

"How Can I Keep from Singing?"
(Robin Birdwell and Ashley Veraque)

Robert Lowry
arr. Richard Walters

*My life flows on in endless song, above earth's lamentation.
I hear the clear, though far-off hymn that hails a new creation.
No storm can shake my inmost calm while to that rock I'm clinging.
It sounds an echo in my soul, how can I keep from singing?*

*What though the tempest round me nears, I know the truth it liveth.
What though the darkness round me close, songs in the night it giveth.
No storm can shake my inmost calm while to that rock I'm clinging.
Since love is lord of Heaven and earth, how can I keep from singing?*

*When tyrants tremble, sick with fear, and hear their death knells ringing;
When friends rejoice both far and near, how can I keep from singing?
In prison cell and dungeon vile our thoughts to them are winging.
When friends by shame are undefiled, how can I keep from singing?
No storm can shake my inmost calm while to that rock I'm clinging.
It sounds an echo in my soul, how can I keep from singing?*

LITANY OF PEACE

O God, you have called us to peace, for you are peace itself. May we have the vision to see that each of us, in some measure, can help to realize these aims:

Where there is ignorance and hatred,
Let there be enlightenment and knowledge.

Where there is fear and suspicion,
Let there be confidence and trust.

Where there is tyranny and oppression,
Let there be freedom and justice.

Where there is poverty and disease,
Let there be prosperity and health.

Where there is strife and discord,
Let there be harmony and peace.

Eternal God of all peoples and races, you made us in your image. Look with compassion on the whole human family; take away the arrogance and hatred which infect our hearts; break down the walls that separate us; unite us in bonds of love; help us work through our struggle and confusion so that the day will come when all humanity will recognize that it is one family and serve you in harmony and peace. **Amen.**

ANTHEM:*"Canticle of Peace"*

Joseph M. Martin

*Peace, fall like a gentle snow; fall fresh on the wounded heart.**Come blanket our every fear and let the healing start.**Cover every anxious thought, and all our fears erase.**May we know the tender touch of love's redeeming grace.**Hope, come like a silver star; shine down on our solemn night.**May you lead to a golden dawn and morning's promised light.**Let shadows of violence vanish. Let us find tomorrow's sure embrace.**May we know the tender touch of love's redeeming grace.**Grant us peace. Dona nobis pacem.**Et in terra pax hominibus bonae voluntatis.**(And on earth, peace and good will)**Dona nobis pacem.***CHILDREN'S ANTHEM:***"Dona Nobis Pacem"*

Traditional

HANDBELL ANTHEM:*"Dona Nobis Pacem"*

arr. Kevin McChesney

*(with Katie Dixon, viola)***HANDBELL ANTHEM:***"Let There Be Peace on Earth"*

arr. Cynthia Dobrinski

Let there be peace on earth, and let it begin with me.***Let there be peace on earth, the peace that was meant to be.******With God our Creator, children all are we.******Let us walk with each other in perfect harmony.******Let peace begin with me; let this be the moment now.******With every step I take, let this be my solemn vow:******To take each moment and live each moment in peace eternally.******Let there be peace on earth, and let it begin with me. (repeat verse)*****BENEDICTION :**

The blessing of God Almighty, the God who created us, the God who liberates us, and the God who stays with us throughout eternity be with you this day and for evermore. **Amen.**

BENEDICTION RESPONSE:

"A Gaelic Blessing"

John Rutter

*Deep peace of the running wave to you,
Deep peace of the flowing air to you,
Deep peace of the quiet earth to you,
Deep peace of the shining stars to you,
Deep peace of the gentle night to you,
Moon and stars pour their healing light on you,
Deep peace of Christ, the light of the world to you,
Deep peace of Christ to you.*