

Prelude: Jesus Loves Even Me – Mark Hayes

Welcome/Announcements

Introit #388 Come All You People

Call to Worship

We gather from the west to the east, from the south to the north,
to celebrate the God of peace who accompanies us in our acts of peace.
This God of peace accompanies us in each and every circumstance around us.

We praise God's name! Amen!

Prayer of the Day (video of Rev. Lydia Neshangwe, Zimbabwe Shona and English,
adaptation of "A Non-Traditional Blessing" by Sister Ruth Fox)

Mwari wedu (Our God who is)

Musiki wedu (Our Creator God)

Nyadenga wedu (Our Heavenly Father)

Bless us with discomfort at easy answers, half-truths and superficial
relationships.

Bless us with anger at injustice, oppression and exploitation of people.

Bless us with tears to shed for those who suffer from pain, rejection, starvation
and war.

Bless us with enough foolishness to believe that we can make a difference in this
world.

Muzita raBaba, nere Mwanakomana, nere Mweya Mutsvene. (In the name of the
Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit.) Amen.

Hymn#401 Here in This Place verses 1 & 4

Call to Confession

Faced with God's goodness we recognize our failings. In the knowledge of God's
mercy, we dare tell the truth about ourselves and our world. In the confidence of God's
children let us confess our sins.

Payer of Confession:

**Gracious Lord, creator of this universe, in your generosity you have given us a
world of abundance and diversity, yet we live guided by greed and selfishness.
We confess that we have defaced your creation and poisoned our environment
through our consumerist behavior and for personal gain. In Christ, you made us
brothers and sisters and intended for us to be united, and yet we have built walls
to separate us from those who are different from us. You gave us wisdom and**

creativity and we have used those to trick each other and to develop weapons of destruction and death. You gave us laws to order our lives and we have abused them to take revenge and punish our enemies. We love war rather than strive for peace. We ignore the poor and the weak and honored the rich and powerful. In all this we have not lived according to your will. Forgive us, Lord, for daring to boast in our human achievements and for failing to recognize that you alone are worthy of praise. In your mercy, forgive us our sins.

Assurance of pardon:

“God accepted us simply because of our faith in Christ,” through whom our sins were forgiven. May he help us to continue to “preach peace to those who are near and far.”
Amen

Passing the Peace

Special Music video The Peacemaking Project Virtual Choir: This Is My Song

Prayers of the People and Lord’s Prayer

Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory, forever. Amen.

Epistle Lesson Philippians 3:4b-14

Sermon All in the Family

Apostle’s Creed (video) Hungarian: Anita Tóth, coordinator/head of the National Roma Ministry, Reformed Church in Hungary

Thanksgiving for the Gifts

Hymn #765 May the God of Hope Go with Us

Benediction

Postlude: I Know Whom I Have Believed: Ruth Elaine Schram