

Opening thoughts

July 18, 2024

Reading: Ephesians 4:1-6

...making every effort to maintain the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace....

HYMN: This Is My Song



1 This is my song, O God of all the na - tions,
2 My coun - try's skies are blu - er than the o - cean,
3 This is my prayer, O God of all earth's king - doms,



a song of peace for lands a - far and mine.
and sun - light beams on clo - ver - leaf and pine.
your king - dom come; on earth your will be done.



This is my home, the coun - try where my heart is;
But oth - er lands have sun - light too, and clo - ver,
O God, be lift - ed up till all shall serve you,



here are my hopes, my dreams, my ho - ly shrine;
and skies are ev - 'ry - where as blue as mine.
and hearts u - nit - ed learn to live as one.



but oth - er hearts in oth - er lands are beat - ing
So hear my song, O God of all the na - tions,
So hear my prayer, O God of all the na - tions;



with hopes and dreams as true and high as mine.
a song of peace for their land and for mine.
my - self I give you; let your will be done.

Reading: Isaiah 58:6-7

...to share your bread with the hungry, and bring the homeless poor into your house....



- 1 By your hand you feed your peo - ple, food of an - gels, heav-en's bread.
- 2 In this meal we taste your sweet-ness, bread for hun - ger, wine of peace.
- 3 Send us now with faith and cour - age to the hun - gry, lost, be - reaved.



For these gifts we did not la - bor, by your grace have we been fed:
Ho - ly word and ho - ly wis-dom sat - is - fy our deep-est needs.
In our liv - ing and our dy - ing, we be - come what we re - ceive:



Christ's own bod - y, blessed and bro - ken, cup o'er-flow-ing, life out - poured,



giv-en as a liv - ing to - ken of your world re-deemed, re - stored.

Text: Susan R. Briehl, b. 1952

Music: CAMROSE, Marty Haugen, b. 1950

Reading: Isaiah 58:8-9a

Then your light shall break forth like the dawn....

1 Light dawns on a wea - ry world when eyes be - gin to
 2 Love grows in a wea - ry world when hun - gry hearts find
 3 Hope blooms in a wea - ry world when crea - tures, once for -

see all peo - ple's dig - ni - ty. Light dawns on a
 bread and chil - dren's dreams are fed. Love grows in a
 lorn, find wil - der - ness re - born. Hope blooms in a

wea - ry world: the prom - ised day of jus - tice comes.
 wea - ry world: the prom - ised feast of plen - ty comes.
 wea - ry world: the prom - ised green of E - den comes.

Refrain

The trees shall clap their hands; the dry lands, gush with springs;

the hills and moun - tains shall break forth with sing - ing!

We shall go out in joy, and be led forth in peace,

as all the world in won - der ech - oes sha - lom.

Guided Meditation: Seeking Peace

Reading: Isaiah 58:9b-12 *If you remove...the pointing of the finger, the speaking of evil...then...you shall be called the repairer of the breach, the restorer of streets to live in.*

1 God is our shel - ter and our shield: a
 2 The wa - ters roil and val - leys quake, the
 3 The wea - pons forged in war - ring lust are
 4 "I am your God; let go of fear and

sure de - fense that will not yield. Though o - ceans rise and
 peo - ple war and cit - ies shake. As na - tions crum - ble
 crushed and splin - tered in - to dust. Be - hold as God makes
 dwell se - cure, for I am near. Re - nounce the urge to

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1. moun - tains fall, fear not, for God is Lord of all.
 to the ground, God's voice floods all the world with sound.
 war - fare cease and fills the earth with streams of peace.
 fight and kill, for I am your de - fend - er still."

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Praying for **PEACE**

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