

**Worship Guide
June 21, 2020**

Welcome

Opening prayer
**Say ‘no’ to peace
if what they mean by peace
is the quiet misery of hunger,
the frozen stillness of fear,
the silence of broken spirits,
the unborn hopes of the oppressed.**

**Tell them that peace
is the shouting of children at play,
the babble of tongues set free,
the thunder of dancing feet,
and a father’s voice singing.**

**Say ‘no’ to peace
if what they mean by peace
is a rampart of gleaming missiles,
the arming of distant wars,
money at ease in its castle
and grateful poor at the gate.**

**Tell them that peace
is the hauling down of flags,
the forging of guns into ploughs
the giving of fields to the landless,
and hunger a fading dream.**

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Song: Sanctuary (2164 FWS)

**Lord prepare me to be a sanctuary
Pure and holy, tried and true
With thanksgiving I’ll be a living
sanctuary for you.**

Prayers of intercession



And now with the confidence of children of God, we pray as Jesus taught, saying, “**Our Father...**”

Scripture readings: Matthew 10: 24 - 39

Message:

Offering - This is an opportunity to share the goodness that has been given to you. Consider sending an offering to Centenary UMC, PO Box 630, Skowhegan ME 04976 or to an organization in your community that makes a positive difference in people’s lives.

You may also offer God something that’s on your heart: joy, gratefulness, anxiety, or something else.

Song: In the Lord I’ll be ever thankful (FWS 2195)

**In the Lord I’ll be ever thankful
In the Lord I will rejoice!
Look to God, do not be afraid.
Lift up your voices, the Lord is near,
lift up your voices, the Lord is near.**

Benediction