

Seasoned for Peace

Reflecting on Mark 9:38-50, we read these words from Jesus: “Be at peace with one another.” Notice he didn’t say *work for peace*, *strive for peace*, or even *pray for peace*. *Be at peace* with one another.

Being at peace means that we reflect what is already within us, among us. It isn’t something that we do on our own or bring into existence through our own efforts. But, how are we to do it?

I tend to worry and fret and tell God how it ought to be done. Life gets in the way and there are so many things that pull at us for attention. Good things, bad things, scary things! These worldly demands make us want to hold on to what we can control.

The disciples were feeling similar pressure, so they pointed to others who weren’t followers of Jesus but were casting out demons in his name. They were going to make sure things were set straight! Jesus simply said: “Whoever is not against us is for us” (v. 40).

Jesus wanted them to stop, let go, and focus on God’s kingdom and what really mattered: “Be at peace with one another.”

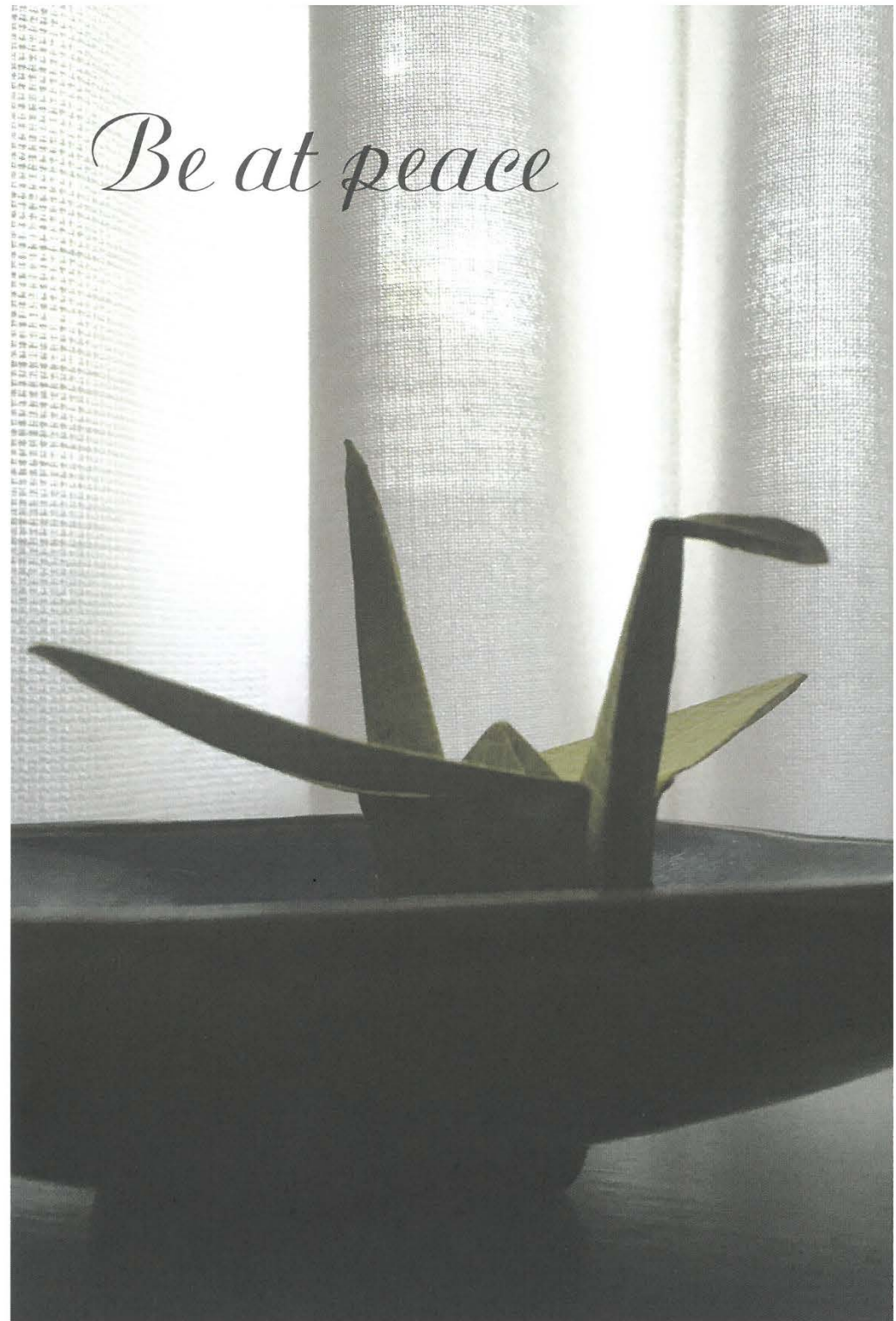
To be at peace with one another requires some self-sacrifice, a pouring out or shaking of the “salt” that has been placed within us. In this process there will be a desire to purge the offensive things, desiring God above everything else.

Jesus says the salt within us will preserve us from judgment, as long as the salt hasn’t lost its saltiness. It will also be used on others as it is poured out. We are all being refined together! How can we keep each other seasoned and live at peace with one another?

—Erin Huiras, congregational care pastor
Liberty Mills Church of the Brethren
Liberty Mills, Indiana

Text for today: “John said to him, ‘Teacher, we saw someone casting out demons in your name, and we tried to stop him, because he was not following us.’ But Jesus said, ‘Do not stop him; for no one who does a deed of power in my name will be able soon afterward to speak evil of me. Whoever is not against us is for us. For truly I tell you, whoever gives you a cup of water to drink because you bear the name of Christ will by no means lose the reward. . . . For everyone will be salted with fire. Salt is good; but if salt has lost its saltiness, how can you season it? Have salt in yourselves, and *be at peace* with one another’ ” (Mark 9:38-41, 49-50, NRSV). **Bible readings for today:** Numbers 11:4-6, 10-16, 24-29; Psalm 19:7-14; James 5:13-20; Mark 9:38-50 (50).

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BRIDGEWATER CHURCH OF THE BRETHREN
at Worship September 30, 2018 8:30 & 11:00 a.m.

GATHERING

PRELUDE (11:00) Prelude & Fugue in C *Bach Circle*
Prelude & Fugue in A *Bach Circle*

CONNECTING WITH EACH OTHER Jeff Carr

Please sign and pass the *Friendship Register* pad located at the inside aisle of the pew. Signing helps us learn the names of those worshipping near us. After all have signed, the pad can be passed back to the inside aisle.

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CALL TO WORSHIP

One: Upon this gathering of your people,
All: pour out your Spirit, O Lord.
One: Be near to us and speak to us,
All: and we will proclaim your glory.

PROCLAIMING

CHILDREN'S TIME (11:00) Janean Fawley
Children of ALL ages are invited to the front of the sanctuary for a time of building upon and connecting to faith through stories and interactions.

***HYMN # 574** *What a friend we have in Jesus* ERIE

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Call to Prayer James 5:13-20 NRSV

Prayer of Confession and Silence

Declaration of Forgiveness

Responsive Prayer of Intercession

After each intercession, respond...Pour out your healing, O Lord

One: In the hope that the prayers of God's people are powerful & effective we pray for those who are sick & suffering ...

For nations, crumbling in conflict . . .

For neighbors, divided by fear . . .

For the church, longing for renewal . . .

For the earth, groaning for peace . . .

God of new life, raise us in the power of the living Lord...

All: so that we may lift our hearts in songs of thanks & praise...

Hymn # 353 *Lord, listen to your children* (x2) CHILDREN PRAYING

SCRIPTURE READING Numbers 11:4-6, 10-16, 24-29 NRSV

ANTHEM (11:00) *The Meditations of My Heart* Elaine Hagenberg

SERMON "Fish Oil" Jeff Carr

RESPONDING

HYMN INSERT *Christ's is the world* DREAM ANGUS

REFLECTIONS (8:30) ...a time for conversation.

OFFERING

Invitation

Offertory

(8:30) We bring our tithes and offerings to the worship center.

(11:00) Ushers receive our tithes and offerings.

Offertoire *Marcel Dupré*

(Improvised at 9:30 a.m. Mass, Church of Saint Sulpice, Paris
Easter Sunday, April 11, 1971)

Prayer of Thanksgiving

***HYMN # 486** *God of our life* SANDON

***BENEDICTION**

POSTLUDE (11:00) All Glory be to God on High
Friedrich Wilhelm Zachau

* Rise as able in body and spirit.

BACKPACK PROGRAM

This school year, we are continuing to help children with food insecurities at Mountain View Elementary School by providing food for the weekend. We will provide one bag of food for 90 children each week for the month of October. If you are willing and able to help with this program by sorting & / or packing, please be in touch with Shannon in the church office. The first sorting and packing will take place on Wednesday, October 3, at 2 p.m. in the social hall. Also, we need additional drivers and helpers to deliver the bags to the school on Wednesdays around 3:30 p.m. As always, monetary donations are accepted, as are food items listed in the October newsletter.

MEETINGS & OPPORTUNITIES FOR SERVICE & NURTURE

September 30-October 6, 2018 (All events are p.m. unless noted)

This is a church events calendar and does not include all building events use.
Please be sure to schedule ALL EVENTS through the church office.

Today	9 a.m.	Bell Choir Rehearsal	Choir Room
Tues.	7:00	Executive Committee	Lounge
	7:00	Food Pantry	Social Hall
Wed.	11-1	BRC Auxiliary Luncheon	Social Hall
	2:00	Backpack Sorting & Packing	Social Hall
	2:00	Pastor's Book Study	Lounge
	5:15	Cherub Choir Rehearsal	Agape Room
	5:30	Wednesday Night Meal	Social Hall
		<i>Menu: Subway Subs, Chips, Cookies, and Drinks</i>	
	5:45	Carol Choir Rehearsal	Agape Room
	6:30	Yorffs Rehearsal	Room # 35
	7:00	Fellowship & Recreation Commission	Youth Room
	7:00	Gifts Discernment Committee	Sojourner's
	7:00	Mission & Service Commission	Lounge
	7:00	Worship & Music Commission	Seekers Room
Thurs.	Noon	Interfaith Association	EMU
	6:00	Brethren Student Movement	Carter Center
	6:30	Puppets Rehearsal	Agape Room
	7:30	Sanctus Choir Rehearsal	Choir Room
Fri.	7:00	Alzheimer's Benefit Concert	Sanctuary
Sat.	11 a.m.	Memorial Service for Lowell Miller	Sanctuary

NEXT SUNDAY– October 7, 2018 – 20th Sunday after Epiphany

Worship: 8:30 & 11:00 a.m. – Sanctuary

Preaching: Pastor Jeff Carr Sermon: "A Fish in the Bowl"

Scripture: Genesis 2:18-24

Children's Worship during Worship at 11

Bell Choir Rehearsal – 9 a.m. – Choir Room

Sunday School – 9:45 a.m. – Classrooms

Youth Fundraiser Lunch and Summer Reports – Noon – Social Hall

Sr. Hi. Youth Movie Night & Discussion – 5 p.m. – Home of the Zepp's

A Capella Benefit Concert for VBMHC – 7 p.m. – Sanctuary

BRIDGEWATER CHURCH OF THE BRETHREN

*An inclusive family of faith seeking to follow Jesus
and live the love of God.*

Our Mission...

As an inclusive community of faith, we commit ourselves to embody the love of God and to share our diverse lives and gifts with each other and the world. Through faith formation, worship, mission, and fellowship we boldly proclaim the peace and love of Christ. Together we work for justice, extend grace, and partner with God to offer abundant life, healing, and hope to our community and the world.

Our Values...

*Sharing life together and including all persons in our common life.
Growing in faith, compassion, and understanding.
Serving one another and our neighbor's good.
Sharing the love of God and the God that is love.*

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SUNDAY MORNING INFORMATION & TODAY'S VOLUNTEERS

HOSPITALITY CENTER in the Greeting Hall

Nametags; large-print Bibles, hymnals, & bulletins; listening receivers; and information are available here.

SUNDAY SCHOOL: 9:45 a.m.

PARKING ASSISTANCE: 10:30-10:55 a.m. every Sunday.

CHILDREN ARE WELCOME!

Children are always welcome among us and in our corporate worship gatherings. Activity bags are available in the greeting hall for their use and enjoyment. Additionally, childcare for children ages birth to kindergarten is available as well as a "cry room" for those who wish to listen and see the worship service in a separate room from the sanctuary. Ushers are more than willing to help you locate these resources.

Decorators – Lori Lineweaver; Mikah & Rebekah Overman

Deacon Caregiver – Bea Miller

Fellowship Hosts – Teshome Molalenge & Sofia Teshome

Head Usher – Palmer Lee Berry

Organist (8:30) – John Barr

Van Driver – John Flora

Worship Leader – Steve Longenecker

TODAY'S ANTHEM TEXT: based on *Psalm 19:14*

May the words of my mouth and the meditations of my heart be acceptable in Thy sight, O Lord. O Lord, my Rock, O Lord my strength, O Lord my God and Redeemer.

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PASTOR CHRIS is away through this afternoon while serving as an advisor for the Brethren Student Movement Retreat at Brethren Woods.

ATTENDANCE / STEWARDSHIP FOR SUNDAY: 9/23/18

Worship Attendance: 8:30 – 14 11:00 – 215 Sunday School: 132

Pledges & Envelope Giving	\$4,965.00
Loose Offering	477.88
Church User Fees	975.00
Books	26.00
Wednesday Night Meals	293.00

Christ's is the world

DREAM ANGUS

1 Christ's is the world in which we move,
2 Feel for the peo - ple we most a - void,
3 Feel for the par - ents who've lost their child,
4 Feel for the lives by life con - fused,
Christ's are the folk we're sum-moned to love,
strange or be - reaved or nev - er em - ployed;
feel for the wom - en whom men have de - filed,
rid - dled with doubt, in lov - ing a - bused;
Christ's is the voice which calls us to care, and
feel for the wom - en, and feel for the men who
feel for the ba - by for whom there's no breast, and
feel for the lone - ly heart, con - scious of sin, which
Christ is the one who meets us here.
fear that their liv - ing is all in vain.
feel for the wea - ry who find no rest.
longs to be pure but fears to be - gin.
To the lost Christ shows his face;
to the un - loved he gives his em - brace;
to those who cry in pain or dis - grace, Christ
makes, with his friends, a touch - ing place.

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Numbers 11:4-6, 10-16, 24-29

⁴ The rabble among them had a strong craving; and the Israelites also wept again, and said, “If only we had meat to eat! ⁵ We remember the fish we used to eat in Egypt for nothing, the cucumbers, the melons, the leeks, the onions, and the garlic; ⁶ but now our strength is dried up, and there is nothing at all but this manna to look at.”

¹⁰ Moses heard the people weeping throughout their families, all at the entrances of their tents. Then the LORD became very angry, and Moses was displeased. ¹¹ So Moses said to the LORD, “Why have you treated your servant so badly? Why have I not found favor in your sight, that you lay the burden of all this people on me? ¹² Did I conceive all this people? Did I give birth to them, that you should say to me, ‘Carry them in your bosom, as a nurse carries a sucking child, to the land that you promised on oath to their ancestors’? ¹³ Where am I to get meat to give to all this people? For they come weeping to me and say, ‘Give us meat to eat!’ ¹⁴ I am not able to carry all this people alone, for they are too heavy for me. ¹⁵ If this is the way you are going to treat me, put me to death at once—if I have found favor in your sight—and do not let me see my misery.”¹⁶ So the LORD said to Moses, “Gather for me seventy of the elders of Israel, whom you know to be the elders of the people and officers over them; bring them to the tent of meeting, and have them take their place there with you.

²⁴ So Moses went out and told the people the words of the LORD; and he gathered seventy elders of the people, and placed them all around the tent.

²⁵ Then the LORD came down in the cloud and spoke to him, and took some of the spirit that was on him and put it on the seventy elders; and when the spirit rested upon them, they prophesied. But they did not do so again.

²⁶ Two men remained in the camp, one named Eldad, and the other named Medad, and the spirit rested on them; they were among those registered, but they had not gone out to the tent, and so they prophesied in the camp.

²⁷ And a young man ran and told Moses, “Eldad and Medad are prophesying in the camp.” ²⁸ And Joshua son of Nun, the assistant of Moses, one of his chosen men, said, “My lord Moses, stop them!” ²⁹ But Moses said to him, “Are you jealous for my sake? Would that all the LORD’s people were prophets, and that the LORD would put his spirit on them!”

James 5:13-20

¹³ Are any among you suffering? They should pray. Are any cheerful? They should sing songs of praise. ¹⁴ Are any among you sick? They should call for the elders of the church and have them pray over them, anointing them with oil in the name of the Lord. ¹⁵ The prayer of faith will save the sick, and the Lord will raise them up; and anyone who has committed sins will be forgiven. ¹⁶ Therefore confess your sins to one another, and pray for one another, so that you may be healed. The prayer of the righteous is powerful and effective. ¹⁷ Elijah was a human being like us, and he prayed fervently that it might not rain, and for three years and six months it did not rain on the earth. ¹⁸ Then he prayed again, and the heaven gave rain and the earth yielded its harvest. ¹⁹ My brothers and sisters, if anyone among you wanders from the truth and is brought back by another, ²⁰ you should know that whoever brings back a sinner from wandering will save the sinner’s soul from death and will cover a multitude of sins.