



Connections to Congregation and Worship

Hymn Suggestions

“Make Me a Channel of Your Peace”

“O God of Every Nation”

“This is My Song, O God of All the Nations”

“Thuma Mina” (“Send Me, Jesus”) (*use as congregational response to Prayers of the People*)

“One Bread, One Body”

“May the God of Hope Go with Us (“Song of Hope”)

“Siyahamba” (“We Are Marching in the Light of God”)

Bulletin Cover Art

Invite children or youth to submit art to be used as a bulletin cover on World Communion Sunday. Do a Bible study on 2 Thessalonians 3:16 (*use the accompanying lesson plans!*) and encourage children to draw a picture based on their vision for peace at all times, in all ways; or use the peace symbols created by the children from the Older Children’s Lesson Plan.

Postcards for PC(USA) Mission Co-Workers

Create or purchase postcards to send to PC(USA) mission co-workers in ministries of peace and reconciliation around the world. *Print out or order prayer cards with addresses from the PC(USA) and put them with the postcards so people can learn about the work of mission co-workers throughout the world.* They can be found at <https://www.presbyterianmission.org/resources/types/prayer-cards/>.

Include the prayer cards and postcards as bulletin inserts or place in pews/chairs as people enter. As a part of the morning announcements, invite congregants to write a special word of encouragement and thanks to the various mission co-workers. Ask them to place their postcards in the offering plate during the offering and to take their prayer card home and place it in a spot where they will remember to pray for the mission co-worker. Make a connection to the Peace & Global Witness Offering, reminding the congregation that their gift to the Offering supports mission work not only locally and regionally, but also across the world.

Minute for Mission

Invite a speaker from the organization or, representative from the ministry, to whom your congregation will extend its 25 percent of the Peace & Global Witness Offering to share with the worshipers about their mission and impact in your community.

Call to Worship

If you have congregants who speak a variety of languages, invite them to share the word for peace in their language in place of those listed here and invite them to lead this portion of worship.



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We worship you

O God of peace.

Peace!

At all times.

Paz! *(Spanish—rhymes with “jazz”)*

In all ways.

Shalom! *(Hebrew—“shaw LOHM”)*

In our families.

Asomdwe *(Ghanian—“ah sahm DWEE”)*

In our communities.

Salaam! *(Arabic—“sa LAHM”)*

In the world.

Perdamaian! *(Indonesian—“per DAHM ee an”)*

At all times.

Pyeonghwa! *(Korean—“PIE oh wa”)*

In all ways.

Prayers of the People

At one point in the prayer, invite congregants to lift up a silent prayer for the mission co-worker listed on their prayer card (if not all have prayer cards and you have the capability for projection, project several prayer cards on the screen during a time of silent prayer). If you don't have enough prayer cards for all worshipers, invite the worshipers to gather in small groups around a particular prayer card to lift up prayer together for the mission co-worker.

Offering

Call to the Offering:

The Peace & Global Witness Offering we are receiving today goes toward the work of peace, reconciliation, and justice in our community, our region, and the world. God calls each of us to the work of peace. May we respond to God's call and to God's love with generous hearts and hands. As we receive the offering, you're invited to place your postcards to mission co-workers in the offering plate. They will be mailed to each mission co-worker to support and encourage their ministry in countries across the world.

Prayer of Dedication

Generous God, we bring these our gifts to you as a symbol of our commitment to continue the work you have called us to do in your name — the work of reconciliation and peace and justice in the world and in our community. We offer our resources confident that you are the God of peace at work in the world. Transform these gifts that your peace may be experienced at all times and in all ways. Transform our hearts and move us to action. We lift up those serving as mission co-workers in the world, radically sharing your vision of peace and justice and your love with the communities in which they live and work. May they be an inspiration to us as we go about the work of peace in our families and community. In the name of Jesus Christ we pray. Amen.



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The Sacrament of the Lord's Supper

If your children or youth participated in the creation of a communion cloth using the Older Children's Lesson Plan, be sure to use it on the communion table in worship on World Communion Sunday, with a note in the bulletin or spoken by the worship leader as to its significance.

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