



Peace with Justice

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WE ARE FAMILY

Peace with Justice Sunday—May 30, 2021

Liturgy inspired by Romans 8:12-17

Though congregations may observe Peace with Justice Sunday at any time, they are encouraged to celebrate with a special offering on the Sunday after Pentecost, May 30, 2021. This liturgy may be used throughout your order of worship. Feel free to adapt it to fit the context of your congregation. Consider including it in a printed bulletin or handout to remind your congregation of this special day in the life of the church. Tie the fullness of this Special Sunday with a coordinated sermon starter, offering talk along with children's resources and adult discussion questions at ResourceUMC.org/PWJS.

INVOCATION

Abba, God!

Thank you for liberating us from fear.

Thank you for covering us with parental love.

Thank you for giving us a spirit of courage to
witness to your love that crosses every boundary.

Reveal to us your image in the face of each person
who is gathered here.

Move us to extend your peace with justice to our
siblings throughout your world.

Open our hearts with generosity to glorify you with
our gifts.

In the name of Jesus, our sibling, we pray.

Amen.



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CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: Paul writes that “all who are led by the Spirit of God are children of God.”

People: We are children of God and celebrate peace with justice.

Leader: God did not give you a spirit of fear but of adoption.

People: We are children of God and celebrate liberation.

Leader: We are heirs of God and joint heirs with Christ.

People: We are children of God and celebrate our global family.

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Leader: God in the Spirit revealed in Jesus Christ, calls us by grace

People: to be renewed in the image of our Creator, that we may be one in divine love for the world.

Leader: Today is the day
God cares for the integrity of creation,
wills the healing and wholeness of all life,
weeps at the plunder of earth’s goodness.

People: *And so shall we.*

Leader: Today is the day
God embraces all hues of humanity,
delights in diversity and difference,

favors solidarity transforming strangers
into friends.

People: *And so shall we.*

Leader: Today is the day
God cries with the masses of starving people,
despises growing disparity between rich and poor,
demands justice for workers in the marketplace.

People: *And so shall we.*

Leader: Today is the day
God deplores violence in our homes and streets,
rebukes the world’s warring madness,
humbles the powerful and lifts up the lowly.

People: *And so shall we.*

Leader: Today is the day
God calls for nations and peoples to live in peace,
celebrates where justice and mercy embrace,
exults when the wolf grazes with the lamb.

People: *And so shall we.*

Leader: Today is the day
God brings good news to the poor,
proclaims release to the captives,
gives sight to the blind, and
sets the oppressed free.

People: *And so shall we.*

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OFFERING BLESSING

We present our offerings
in the name of Abba, Son, and Holy Spirit.
Triune God, who mothers us all,
bless and multiply these gifts
as they join with those across the United
Methodist family
to bring peace with justice to all of your children.
Amen.

BENEDICTION

Go into the world,
Led by the Spirit,
Glimpse the image of God revealed in each
person and
Offer our siblings the peace of Christ
Reflecting his love and justice as we celebrate
our family reunion.



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