

For He Is Our Peace

Call to Worship

One: You who once were far away have been brought near.

All: For he is our peace.

One: The barrier between us has been destroyed.

All: For he is our peace.

One: We are one new humanity, reconciled in God through the cross, which put our hostility to death.

All: For he is our peace.

One: We are strangers no more but are being built together to become a dwelling in which God lives by the Spirit.

All: For he is our peace. May it be so.

Prayer of Invocation

God of peace beyond our understanding, who knows us each by name and builds in us a dwelling for your Spirit, compel us all to draw nearer to one another and to your holy presence that we may seek to love unconditionally, to offer genuine forgiveness, and to discover our common humanity that transcends the labels we place on ourselves and on others. As we prepare to worship you in this sacred space, we pray, Amen.

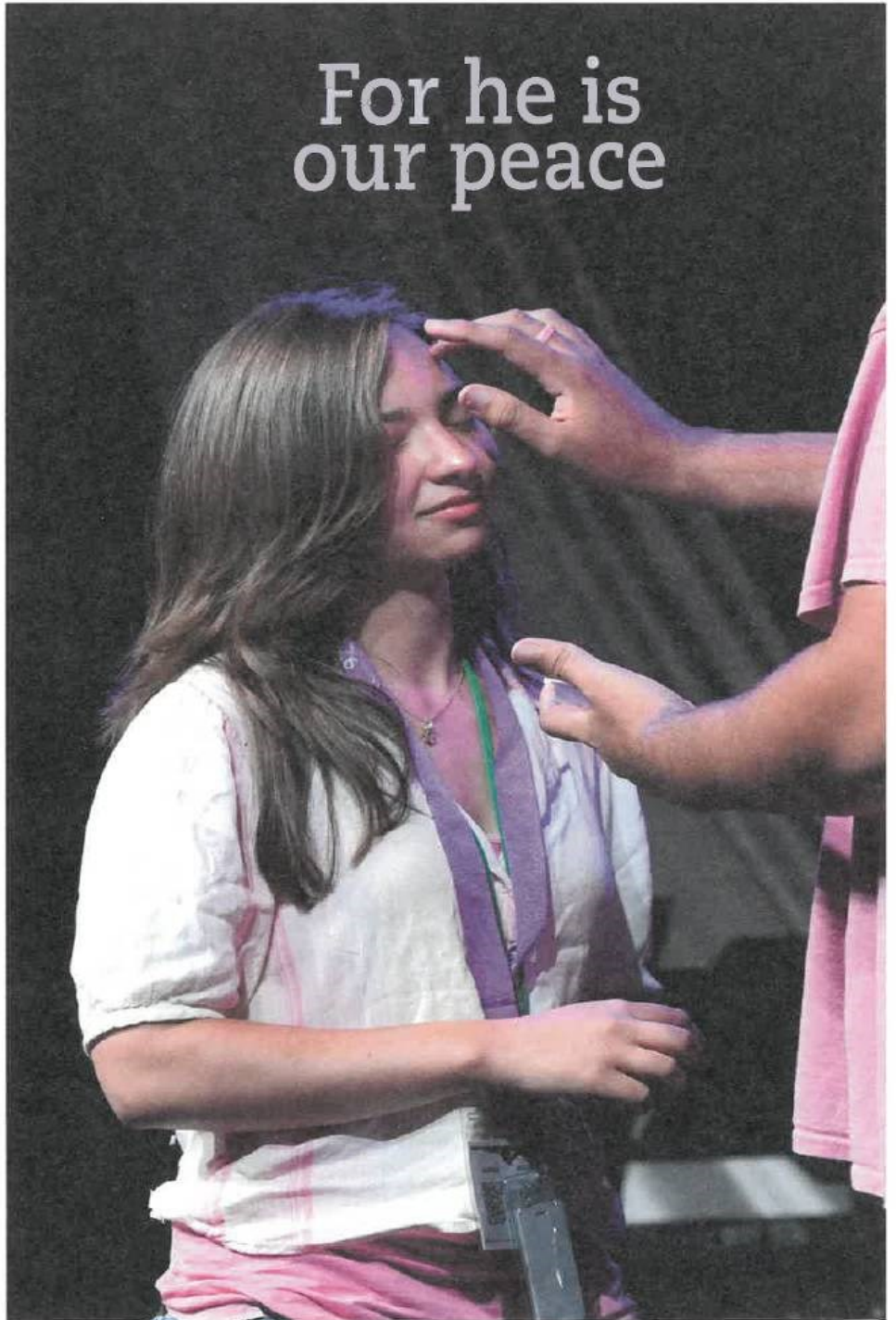
Hymn: "Strangers No More" (*Hymnal: A Worship Book*, No. 322)

— Audri Svay
North Manchester, Indiana

"For he is our peace; in his flesh he has made both into one and has broken down the dividing wall, that is, the hostility between us, abolishing the law with its commandments and ordinances, that he might create in himself one new humanity in place of the two, thus making peace, and might reconcile both to God in one body through the cross, thus putting to death that hostility through it" (Ephesians 2:14-16, *NRSVue*). **Today's Bible readings from the lectionary:** 2 Samuel 7:1-14a and Psalm 89:20-37; Jeremiah 23:1-6 and Psalm 23; Ephesians 2:11-22; Mark 6:30-34, 53-56.

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CHURCH OF THE BRETHREN
Hagerstown, Maryland

MORNING WORSHIP

10:45 AM

July 21, 2024

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS Linda Baker, Worship Leader

PRELUDE "Walk Life's Path with Jesus" (Hill)

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

One: Come away and rest for a while. Leave behind your busyness to be fully present to God.

All: *We have come for relief from life's turmoil. God gathers us as a shepherd gathers her sheep.*

One: God's steadfast love surrounds us here. We are reminded of God's enduring faithfulness.

All: *This is God's house, and we are God's children. God invites us to feel at home in this place.*

One: We have a covenant with our Creator. This is a time for renewal of our promises.

All: *God calls for righteousness and justice. God offers us goodness and mercy all our days.*

***HYMN #5** "There is a place of quiet rest"

[Verse 1]

There is a place of quiet rest, near to the heart of God, a place where sin cannot molest, near to the heart of God.

[Refrain]

O Jesus, bless'd Redeemer, sent from the heart of God, hold us, who wait before thee, near to the heart of God.

[Verse 2]

There is a place of comfort sweet, near to the heart of God, a place where we our Savior meet, near to the heart of God.

[Refrain]

O Jesus, bless'd Redeemer, sent from the heart of God, hold us, who wait before thee, near to the heart of God.

[Verse 3]

There is a place of full release, near to the heart of God, a place where all is joy and peace, near to the heart of God.

[Refrain]

O Jesus, bless'd Redeemer, sent from the heart of God, hold us, who wait before thee, near to the heart of God.

***OPENING PRAYER**

Rock of our salvation, we have accepted the invitation of Jesus to gather as your beloved people. We have been far away from you in our thoughts and separated from you in much that we do. Now we are together, seeking reconciliation with you and one another. We call on your steadfast love for assurance and healing. We feel your compassion for us and for all your children. We sense your longing for our wholeness and renewed faith and trust. You call us to be saints and apostles and prophets. We are overwhelmed, even as you draw us close. Amen.

A MOMENT TO BECOME LIKE CHILDREN

SERVICE OF GIVING

Call to Giving

We bring a portion of all God entrusts to us to be used, not for our pet projects, but for mission of the church, in this community, throughout our land and around the world. We express our gratitude for the gift of Jesus Christ and for the peace we know deep within when we become disciples and apostles. May we follow the model of God's generosity.

We joyfully give as one body, both gathered in his house of worship and gathered through virtual technology. We give by placing our offerings in the plate, mailing to or dropping off at the church, or using Paypal. Together, as we give, we declare our dedication to Jesus and our obedience to serve him.

Offertory "Like a Shepherd" (Rasley)

***Doxology #119** "Praise God from whom"

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

Let us pray. Receive our best, gracious God, as we offer ourselves along with these tokens of thanks. Establish your rule in our midst so we may proclaim your reign in the world. Send us where you need us most. Use our gifts to reduce alienation and to build community. Be to us a watchful Parent, and teach us to live as sisters and brothers who find you in one another and respond in love to each other's need. Amen.

SHARING OUR JOYS, CONCERNS, AND HOPES

Please remember our worship is also on Facebook Live and our website.

Please do not share any personal information you do not want to be made public.

An usher will hold the microphone for you while you share.



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Morning Praise Worship
at 8:30 AM
Sunday School at 9:30 AM
Worship and Facebook Live
at 10:45 AM

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Administrative Assistant

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Director of
Music Ministries

Don Rowe
Interior Esthetics
Technician

*We welcome you to our church and
Rejoice in your participation with us in
worship. It is our prayer that you will
experience the presence of God's Spirit and
that it will equip you for service and ministry
in the week ahead. Our Pastor, Deacons, and
Cluster Leaders are available after worship
and during the week to listen and assist you in
your Christian pilgrimage.*

THE ANNOUNCER July 21, 2024

If you placed someone on the prayer list and they are now celebrating a recovery and would like their name taken off the list, please contact the church office.

If you or a loved one has surgery scheduled, is hospitalized, or would like a visit from the pastor, please notify the church.

“Take a Moment” Let this be our daily "Take a Moment" prayer beginning Sunday, July 21 - God of Peace, In you I find my strength and focus for the facing of each today. But, someday, I know I have so much I must do...or simply want to do...that I don't take time to rest in your presence where I would find refreshment for my soul. Help me now to hear your voice calling to me to come with you and rest for a while. Take away any unnecessary urgency I feel to accomplish things on my list of to-do's without spending time with you. In the time I spend with you, hear my prayers for others in need and for the church. Hear my requests for forgiveness, wisdom and guidance; and help me to listen for your answers. Fill the quiet spaces in my thoughts with the holiness of your presence. Your love pours over me and my whole being is refreshed as I sit with you. Thank you, God, for these moments of rest with you. Amen.

Our thanks to Linda Baker for being our worship leader today and to Burt Young for special music this morning.

Attendance. Please sign the attendance rosters found at the end of your pew, or possibly in the hymnal rack, and pass it down the row so everyone can sign.

The Administrative Assistant will be on vacation July 25th and 26th. Thank you!

Attention! The Altruistic Room is currently unavailable for use. Please do not enter or use the room until further notice. Thank you!

Would you like to place flowers on the altar in memory of a loved one or for a special occasion? The Flower & Altar Committee have an opening August 11th. If you would like to place flowers on the altar, please contact Susan Hughes at 717-749-7017 or 717-816-3447. Thank you!

Second Quarter Contribution Statements can be found in the church mailboxes. If you do not have a church mailbox, the statements will be mailed. If you're new to HCOB and have been using an envelope and didn't get a statement, please email or call the church office.

HCOB Student Scholarship Fund—The Service & Outreach Team is inviting students to apply for our yearly distribution of funds from the Student Scholarship Fund. A letter of interest needs to be addressed to Suzie Wolfe, Chair, by August 31, 2024. Please include where you will be attending and what your major is. Also, please include the school's address.

Junior Church will be held next Sunday, July 28th for children ages Kindergarten through the sixth grade. We will gather in the Fellowship Hall for a special time together. (Parents may, of course, opt to keep their child in worship with them especially if the child is uncertain about going.) If you'd like to volunteer, please contact Brenda Shane. **Junior Church is held the second and fourth Sunday of each month.**

Fellowship Time — We're in need of volunteers to provide goodies for Fellowship Time, held the first Sunday of each month from 10:20 am—10:40 am. Goodies may be your favorite recipe or a delicious store bought treat. Suggestions include cookies, muffins, or doughnuts (3-4 dozen of whatever you choose) and may be dropped off in the Mullendore Room (the room behind the wing of the sanctuary) that morning. Beverages and paper products are provided. Please sign up on the sheet located in the west entrance, or contact Kristal Bricker or Amy Hardy. Thank you for helping to make Fellowship Time possible!

Annual Conference 2024 has concluded. Go to www.brethren.org/ac2024 for conference information. There is generally a conference wrap-up posted a few days after the closing session.

CDS Training—For those who are 18 years or older, and have a heart for children, and may be interested in becoming Children's Disaster Services volunteers, training will be held at the Frederick Church of the Brethren on September 27-28, 2024, Friday 4:30pm—Saturday 5:30pm. Information can be learned at: <http://www.brethren.org/cds>. For those wishing to register, click on the following link: <https://www.brethren.org/cds/training/dates.html>.

Save the Date!! - Please save the date for our Community Fall Festival and Trunk or Treat which will be held on Saturday, October 19th from 1-4 pm. The Service & Outreach Team needs your help.

Field of Hope/Growing Project. Field of Hope pledge forms can be found on the credenza in the wing of the sanctuary or in the fellowship hall for anyone desiring to make a pledge.

Cash for Causes/Martin's Gift Card Program. Purchase Martin's gift cards to take to the store to pay for your groceries or gas, and 5% of the face value of the gift card is a donation to the church and goes toward your yearly charitable contribution. To purchase a card, please contact Larry Kees, Jr. (301-331-0107). We can make arrangements to leave cards in your church mailbox or mail them to you.

The Church Directory. Now is a good time to update your information in the church directory. Please send any changes/updates/additions to secretaryhcob@gmail.com, or leave a note in Allyson's mailbox. Also, if you're not on the birthday and anniversary lists, please email that information, too! Please include the year, even though it is not published. If we don't have the year, that piece of software defaults to the year 1900. Thank you!

Warm, sunny weather is here! We want to take this opportunity to remind you that in the warm weather many of the neighborhood children ride bikes, trikes, skateboards, and scooters, on our parking lot. They're often low to the ground and moving fast so please be on the lookout for them when you visit the church. When on foot, please also be on the lookout for cars speeding through the parking lot to "beat the light" at the corner.

Please remember to keep the administrative assistant updated on when and where meetings/events are being held. Please email or call the Administrative Assistant with information that needs added to the church calendar. **301-733-3565 or secretaryhcob@gmail.com**. Thank you!

Deadline for bulletins and newsletters. Announcements for the weekly bulletin need to be given to the administrative assistant before noon on Wednesday. Announcements for the monthly newsletters need to be given to the administrative assistant before the 15th of each month. Let's help her out by meeting deadlines, and also by not asking for special exceptions. Announcements should continue to be emailed to secretaryhcob@gmail.com. Thank you!

CALENDAR

Sunday, July 21

8:30 am Morning Praise Worship/Fellowship Hall
9:30 am Sunday School, individual classrooms
10:45 am Worship, Sanctuary & Facebook Live

Monday, July 22

Church office closed

Tuesday, July 23

6:30 pm HCOB Softball/Field 3

Wednesday, July 24

12:00 pm Deadline for bulletin announcement submissions
12:15 pm Bulletin Prep/Church Office

Thursday, July 25

Administrative Assistant Vacation

5:00 pm Praise Band Rehearsal/Fellowship Hall

Friday, July 26

Administrative Assistant Vacation

1:00 pm Islamic Center/Use of Parking Lot (1-3pm)

Saturday, July 27

Pastor Twyla's day off

Sunday, July 28

Junior Church

8:30 am Morning Praise Worship/Fellowship Hall

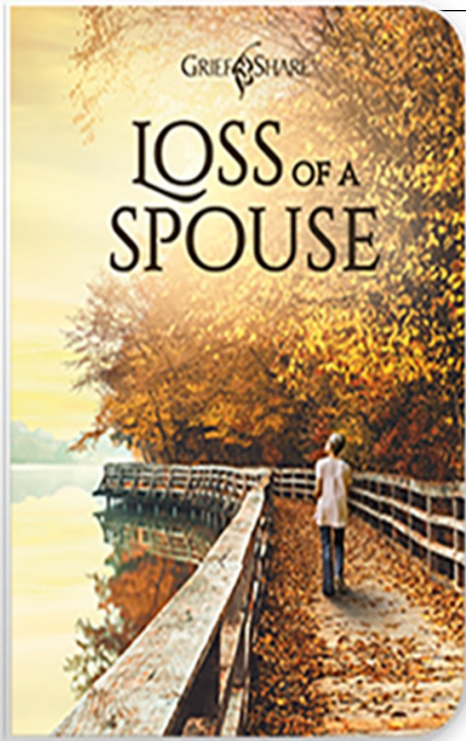
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Remember our weekday schedule is subject to rapid change.

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OR
you can make a secure offering
donation on our website using
PayPal www.hagerstowncob.org

The church calendar is online at
www.hagerstowncob.org.
Click the calendar tab.



Grieving the death of a spouse?
Or do you know someone who is?

The death of a spouse brings a unique kind of pain. People who are widowed haven't just lost a loved one—they've lost an entire lifestyle once enjoyed with that special person.

We hope you will consider joining the HCOB GriefShare Team for a special 2-hr seminar which will address the challenges of this type of loss.

You may wish to bring a family member or friend so they can better understand your loss and become a greater support for you. If you have questions, please see Pastor Twyla or Debbie Nycum.

Date: Wednesday, August 21
Time: 6:30 – 8:30 p.m.
Place: Mullendore Room

Register at www.GriefShare.org