Pace Giving Sunday Liturgical Resources

2022

The following liturgical resources have been gathered for local churches to use during their Pace Giving Sunday worship service. Please feel free to pick what resources fits your worship context best.

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## CALL TO WORSHIP

We gather as God’s beloved children –  
**However glad we are, however out of sorts we are.**  
We come together as a people whom Jesus calls into community –  
**So this becomes a place where all are welcome.**  
We have come to give thanks, to pray and sing, to be with other –  
**Let us worship God.**

***~ Written by Beth Merrill Neel on her blog, ‘Hold Fast to What Is Good***

## PRAYER OF CONFESSION/PARDON/ASSURNACE

Prayer of Confession

Holy Lord, God of life, hear our prayer:

Forgive us when we follow those paths that do not lead to life,

That lead instead to violence, or hate, or fear,

Paths that lead to dread and death.

Forgive us when we forget that you offer us life,

Life that is abundant and eternal,

Life that began at the creation of all things.

Forgive us, turn us to the right path,

and let your love and grace flow over us and the world.

We pray in Jesus’ name and for his sake. Amen.

Silent Confession

Pardon and Assurance

Siblings in Christ, let us proclaim the Good News:

**In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven, reconciled, loved, and changed. Amen.**

*~ Written by Beth Merrill Neel on her blog, ‘Hold Fast to What Is Good*

## SCRIPTURE READING / SERMON

Acts 27:21-26, 30-36

[Video of Scripture Reading, Prayer for Illumination, and Sermon](https://youtu.be/O8jyVO2o6H8)

~ Rev. Katie B. Gooch, Director/Campus Minister of The Pace Center

## PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Ever faithful Lord,

Ever giving Son,

Ever present Spirit,

For the many gifts you grant us

and the opportunity to enjoy these things;

For your daily provision

and for the constant signs of your healing love;

For the hope amidst despair

and the light which always shines;

For all these things,

‘thank you’ is just so inadequate

but it’s all we have:

… to show our gratitude in word, in thought and in action.

So thank you, Lord

and may our thanks move beyond words

to transform us into thankful folk,

faithful folk,

seeing folk,

folk who see need and see the need to act,

folk who love to live and live to love,

folk who serve you by serving others.

Help us to be amongst those

who include the excluded

and bring in those who are marginalised,

that when the opportunities come our way

to be healers of division and hurt,

to be peacemakers

and restorers,

we won’t be found wanting.

Loving, personal Father,

We bring before you those people and issues that are closest to us

and that occupy our minds at this time …

*(personal and local intercessions could follow)*

Mighty, wonderful Father,

we bring before you people and issues from around our world,

including those we’ll never know personally

but who remain our sisters and brothers in you …

*(national and global intercessions could follow)*

Transforming, healing Father,

help us to make the light shine in dark places,

to make peace known in violent places,

and to bring hope to despondent places.

Our prayers, spoken and silent

are brought to you now

(along with these gifts that we freely give

and dedicate to the work of your Kingdom)

in the name of your Son, Jesus,

the healer, includer and redeemer,

forever

Amen.

*~ written by Rev Iain MacDonald.*

## BENEDICTION

May the peace of the Lord Christ go with you: wherever he may send you; may he guide you through the wilderness: protect you through the storm; may he bring you home rejoicing: at the wonders he has shown you; may he bring you home rejoicing: once again into our doors.

*~ Celtic Daily Prayer*