

PALM SUNDAY/Intergenerational Meeting, March 29th

Scott Lockhart, Sally Otis, Claire Howard and others

Welcome

Hymn 1 - All Things Bright and Beautiful

Readings

John 12 verses 1-18 read by Alex

Quote by Kofi Annan (below)

Quote by Napoleon (below)

Hymn 108 - All Glory Laud and Honor

Concerns and Celebrations

Children's Story - the Donkey that carried Jesus

Children's project to create a banner with palm leaves, a donkey and other animals, and the path that Jesus, the "Prince of Peace", took on his way to Jerusalem on Palm Sunday

Hymn - Rise and Shine

Benediction

There is no trust more sacred than the one the world holds with children. There is no duty more important than ensuring that their rights are respected, that their welfare is protected, that their lives are free from fear and want and that they grow up in peace.

— Kofi Annan

Better than a thousand hollow words is one word that brings peace.

— Buddha (560-483 B.C.)

Do you know what astonished me most in the world? The inability of force to create anything. In the long run the sword is always beaten by the spirit. Soldiers usually win battles and generals get the credit for them. You must not fight too often with one enemy, or you will teach him all your art of war. If they want peace, nations should avoid the pin-pricks that precede cannon shots.

— Napoleon Bonaparte (1769-1821)

Peace is the only battle worth waging.

— Albert Camus (1913-1960)

We know how to organize warfare, but do we know how to act when confronted with peace?

— Jacques-Yves Cousteau (1910-1997)

Peace, in the sense of the absence of war, is of little value to someone who is dying of hunger or cold. It will not remove the pain of torture inflicted on a prisoner of conscience. It does not comfort those who have lost their loved ones in floods caused by senseless deforestation in a neighboring country. Peace can only last where human rights are respected, where people are fed, and where individuals and nations are free.

— The XIVth Dalai Lama

If you want to make peace, you don't talk to your friends. You talk to your enemies.

— Moshe Dayan (1915-1981)

I like to believe that people in the long run are going to do more to promote peace than our governments. Indeed, I think that people want peace so much that one of these days governments had better get out of the way and let them have it.

— Dwight D. Eisenhower (1890-1969)

Peace cannot be achieved through violence, it can only be attained through understanding.

— Ralph Waldo Emerson (1803-1882)

The most disadvantageous peace is better than the most just war.

— Desiderius Erasmus (1469-1536)

There was never a good war or a bad peace.

— Ben Franklin (1706-1790)

It is possible to live in peace.

— Mahatma Gandhi (1869-1948)

The goal toward which all history tends is peace, not peace through the medium of war, not peace through a process of universal intimidation, not peace through a program of mutual impoverishment, not peace by any means that leaves the world too weak or too frightened to go on fighting, but peace pure and simple based on that will to peace which has animated the overwhelming majority of mankind through countless ages. This will to peace does not arise out of a cowardly desire to preserve one's life and property, but out of conviction that the fullest development of the highest powers of men can be achieved only in a world of peace.

— Robert Maynard Hutchins (1899-1977)

Nothing is more precious than peace. Peace is the most basic starting point for the advancement of humankind.

— Daisaku Ikeda

They shall beat their swords into ploughshares, and their spears into pruning hooks; nation shall not lift up sword against nation, neither shall they learn war any more.

— Isaiah, II:4

But peace does not rest in the charters and covenants alone. It lies in the hearts and minds of all people. So let us not rest all our hopes on parchment and on paper, let us strive to build peace, a desire for peace, a willingness to work for peace in the hearts and minds of all of our people. I believe that we can. I believe the problems of human destiny are not beyond the reach of human beings.

— John F. Kennedy (1917-1963)

We will not build a peaceful world by following a negative path. It is not enough to say we must not wage war. It is necessary to love peace and sacrifice for it. We must concentrate not merely on the negative expulsion of war but on the positive affirmation of peace. We must see that peace represents a sweeter music, a cosmic melody, that is far superior to the discords of war. Somehow, we must transform the dynamics of the world power struggle from the negative nuclear arms race, which no one can win, to a positive contest to harness humanity's creative genius for the purpose of making peace and prosperity a reality for all the nations of the world. In short, we must

shift the arms race into a peace race. If we have a will – and determination – to mount such a peace offensive, we will unlock hitherto tightly sealed doors of hope and transform our imminent cosmic elegy into a psalm of creative fulfillment.

— Martin Luther King, Jr. (1929-1968)

One day we must come to see that peace is not merely a distant goal that we seek, but that it is a means by which we arrive at that goal. We must pursue peaceful ends through peaceful means.

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If there is to be peace in the world,
There must be peace in the nations.

If there is to be peace in the nations,
There must be peace in the cities.

If there is to be peace in the cities,
There must be peace between neighbors.

If there is to be peace between neighbors,
There must be peace in the home.

If there is to be peace in the home,
There must be peace in the heart.

— Lao Tzu (570-490 B.C.)

All we are saying is give peace a chance.

— John Lennon (1940-1980)

If everyone demanded peace instead of another television set, then there'd be peace.

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