

EVENING WORSHIP

NOVEMBER 6, 2016 | 6PM

**Indicates standing as you are able or in spirit.*

GATHERING

Prelude

Call to Worship

We have come together as one.

One people, gathered in the name of one God.

We will worship together as one.

One community, giving praise and honor to the Righteous One.

We are being empowered as one by One.

One body and one Spirit, called to the hope of one calling, one Lord, one faith, one baptism, one God and Father of all who is above all and through all and in all.

Now, in the name of the Three-in-One, we act as one.

One people, giving witness to the power of One.

**In Christ There Is No East or West*

Lift Up Your Hearts #268

**God's Greeting & Mutual Greeting*

**Praise the Lord! Sing Hallelujah*

Lift Up Your Hearts #518

PRAYER FOR THE ELECTION

GOD'S WILL BE DONE

The Lords' Prayer

Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil, for thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

Meditation—*Thy Will Be Done*

Your Will Be Done

Lift Up Your Hearts #909

Our World Belongs To God #53

Our Faith, pg 174

We call on all governments to do public justice and to protect the rights and freedoms of individuals, groups, and institutions so that each may do their tasks. We urge governments and pledge ourselves to safeguard children and the elderly from abuse and exploitation, to bring justice to the poor and oppressed, and to promote the freedom to speak, work, worship, and associate.

That governments are called to justice generally and that how a government treats the poor and the weak is a key indicator of a society's commitment to justice is taught in all the prophets and in psalms like Psalm 72.

PEACE AND UNITY

1 Timothy 2:1-8 –

Meditation--*Peace*

Salaam/Peace

Lift Up Your Hearts #298

Our World Belongs To God #54

Our Faith, pg. 174

Followers of the Prince of Peace are called to be peacemakers, promoting harmony and order and restoring what is broken. We call on our governments to work for peace and to restore just relationships. We deplore the spread of weapons in our world and on our streets with the risks they bring and the horrors they threaten. We call on all nations to reduce their arsenals to what is needed in the defense of justice and freedom. We pledge to walk in ways of peace, confessing that our world belongs to God; he is our sure defense.

Isaiah 2:1-4 expresses God's will for peace, and Jesus said, "Blessed are the peacemakers . . ." (Matt. 5:9).

Prayer

Response (Salaam/Peace LUYH 298 refrain)

Offering—*Cause*

(Please pass the friendship folders.)

Offertory

ACCEPTANCE OF THOSE IN AUTHORITY

Romans 13:1-6

Meditation—*Established By God*

For the Healing of the Nations

Lift Up Your Hearts #289

Our World Belongs To God #52

Our Faith, pg 174

We obey God first; we respect the authorities that rule, for they are established by God: we pray for our rulers, and we work to influence governments—resisting them only when Christ and conscience demand. We are thankful for the freedoms enjoyed by citizens of many lands; we grieve with those who live under oppression, and we seek for them the liberty to live without fear.

Romans 13:1-7 teaches respect for governing authorities (see also 1 Pet. 2:13-17); Revelation 13 illustrates government gone wrong; Colossians 1:16 teaches that authority and power come from Christ; Ephesians 6:12 warns us that authority and power can become infected by evil.

Prayer

**In Times of Great Decision*

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GOD IS RULER OF ALL

Psalm 146

Praise the LORD. Praise the LORD, my soul.

I will praise the LORD all my life; I will sing praise to my God as long as I live.

Do not put your trust in princes, in human beings, who cannot save. When their spirit departs, they return to the ground; on that very day, their plans come to nothing.

Blessed are those whose help is the God of Jacob, whose hope is in the LORD their God.

He is the Maker of heaven and earth, the sea, and everything in them—he remains

faithful forever. He upholds the cause of the oppressed and gives food to the hungry.

The LORD sets prisoners free,

The LORD gives sight to the blind, the LORD lifts up those who are bowed down, the LORD loves the righteous. The LORD watches over the foreigner and sustains the fatherless and the widow, but he frustrates the ways of the wicked.

The LORD reigns forever, your God, O Zion, for all generations. Praise the LORD.

Prayer

Sovereign God, when confronted by would-be messiahs promising prosperity and peace, grant us your wisdom and discernment. Help us to place our confidence in no one but you. You are our only Savior and our only Lord. Amen.

SENDING

**Savior, Again to Your Dear Name We Raise*

Lift Up Your Hearts #932:1

**Savior, again to your dear name we raise
with one accord our parting hymn of praise.
We give you thanks before our worship cease,
and now departing, wait your word of peace.**

**God's Blessing*

**Savior, Again to Your Dear Name We Raise*

Lift Up Your Hearts #932:4

**Grant us your peace throughout our earthly life:
comfort in sorrow, courage in the strife.
Then when your voice shall make our conflict cease,
call us, O Lord, to your eternal peace.**

Postlude

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