

Crucial Conversations on Faith and Race (2CFAR)
presents

**Fifth Sunday Worship Service
and
Interfaith Community Celebration**



July 31, 2022

4:00-5:30 p.m.

Breeden Insurance Amphitheater
Lexington, NC

Order of Service

Welcome and Opening Prayer Rev. Dr. Arnetta Beverly,
Pastor, St. Stephen United Methodist Church

Special Music Light of the World Church Choir
The Wonder of It All
Eternamente Gloria (Eternal Glory)
The Lord Bless You and Keep You

Scripture: *John 14:27* Minister Toni Royal McCullough,
Files Chapel Baptist Church

Special Message *Peace and Purpose*

Special Music Files Chapel Baptist Church Choir

Scripture: *Acts 10:34* Rev. Dr. Ray Nance Howell, III
Pastor, First Baptist Church, West Third Avenue

Special Message *God Shows No Partiality*

Special Music Crossroads Praise Band,
First Presbyterian Church

Soul on Fire
How Great Is Our God
Leaning on the Everlasting Arms

Responsive Reading *Testimony of Hope* Please see insert

Scripture: *Matthew 5:9*, NLT Bishop Derek Kelly
Pastor, New Faith Full Gospel Fellowship Center

Special Message *Becoming a Peacemaker*

Congregational Hymn Crossroads Praise Band
Let There Be Peace on Earth

Let there be peace on earth, and let it begin with me;
Let there be peace on earth, the peace that was meant to be.
With God our creator, children all are we.
Let us walk with each other in perfect harmony.

Let peace begin with me; let this be the moment now.
With every step I take, let this be my solemn vow:
To take each moment and live each moment in peace eternally.
Let there be peace on earth, and let it begin with me.

Closing Words Rev. Elizabeth Horton
Pastor, First Reformed United Church of Christ

CREDITS

Testimony of Hope is used with permission of the 2022 Western North Carolina Annual Conference Worship Team and has been adapted for this occasion.

Let There Be Peace on Earth, Words and Music by Sy Miller and Jill Jackson. Harmony by Charles H. Webb, 1987.

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Leader: We are broken like clay pots. We call out to our potter God who has shaped us, who can reshape us and remold us according to the Divine Purpose. Redeem and heal your broken people, O God, that we will live as disciples of your Son, who died broken on the cross to create us anew.

Líder: *Estamos rotos como vasijas de barro. Llamamos a nuestro Dios alfarero que nos ha formado, quien puede remodelarnos de acuerdo al Propósito Divino. Redime y sana a tu pueblo quebrantado, oh Dios, para que vivamos como discípulos de tu Hijo, quien murió en la cruz para crearnos de nuevo.*

All: **Have thine own way, Lord! Have thine own way!
Thou art the potter; we are the clay.
Mold us and make us after thy will,
While we are waiting, yielded and still.**

Todos: *¡Haz tu voluntad, Señor! ¡Haz tu voluntad!
Tú eres el alfarero; nosotros somos la arcilla.
Moldeadnos y hacenos según tu voluntad,
Mientras esperamos, entregados y quietos a ti.*



Responsive Reading *Testimony of Hope*
Testimonio de Esperanza, Lectura Receptiva

Leader: Are we Alive? It's been a long, hard two years since we have been in the same place to "see each other's face."

Líder: *¿Seguimos con vida? Han sido dos largos y difíciles años desde que estuvimos en el mismo lugar para "vernos cara a cara".*

People: **The weight of the past two years has been heavy upon us.**

Personas: *El peso de los dos últimos años ha sido difícil de llevar.*

Leader: The COVID 19 pandemic exacted a huge cost upon our world. There have been more than six million deaths worldwide and more than 24,500 deaths in North Carolina. Our communities have been ravaged by illness, grief and suffering. Caregivers, medical professionals, emergency responders, educators, and spiritual leaders have experienced compassion fatigue.

Líder: *La pandemia de COVID19 impuso un costo enorme a nuestro mundo. Ha habido más más de seis millones de muertes en todo el mundo y más de 24,500 muertes en Carolina del Norte. Nuestras comunidades han sido devastadas por la enfermedad, el dolor y el sufrimiento. Cuidadores, profesionales médicos, personal de respuesta a emergencias y líderes espirituales han experimentado fatiga por compasión.*

People: **Even so, God is our light and our salvation. We are not afraid; our hope is in the Lord.**

Personas: *Aun así, Dios es nuestra luz y nuestra salvación. No tenemos miedo; nuestra esperanza está en el Señor.*

Leader: We have experienced violence in the world God created for peace. Nations such as Sudan, Afghanistan, Ukraine, Colombia, Myanmar, and many others bear the scars of war.

Líder: *Hemos experimentado violencia en el mundo que Dios creó para paz. Naciones como Sudán, Afganistán, Ucrania, Colombia, Myanmar y muchos otros llevan las cicatrices de guerra.*

People: Even so, God is our light and our salvation. We are not afraid; our hope is in the Lord!

Personas: *Aun así, Dios es nuestra luz y nuestra salvación. No tenemos miedo; nuestra esperanza está en el ¡Señor!*

Leader: Our own communities carry the scourge of violence and oppression. This violence is too often manifested through the use of guns that disrupt lives and harm innocent children, youth, and adults. During the season of the pandemic, crimes against Asian Americans have increased by over seventy-seven percent.

Líder: *Nuestras propias comunidades llevan los azotes de la violencia y la opresión. Esta violencia se manifiesta con demasiada frecuencia mediante el uso de armas que perturban vidas y dañan a niños inocentes, jóvenes y adultos. Durante la temporada de la pandemia, crímenes contra las comunidades asiáticas estadounidenses han aumentado en más del setenta y siete por ciento.*

People: Even so, God is our light and our salvation. We are not afraid; our hope is in the Lord!

Personas: *Aun así, Dios es nuestra luz y nuestra salvación. No tenemos miedo; nuestra esperanza está en el ¡Señor!*

Leader: As we have experienced the pandemic of COVID-19, we too have experienced the pandemic of racism. The death of George Floyd and others has opened a window to the tension beneath the surface. We are not the Beloved Community God created us to be.

Líder: *A medida que hemos experimentado la pandemia de COVID-19, nosotros también hemos experimentado la pandemia de racismo. La muerte de George Floyd y otros han abierto una ventana a la tensión debajo de la superficie. No somos la Comunidad Amada que Dios creó.*

People: Even so, God is our light and our salvation. We are not afraid; our hope is in the Lord!

Personas: *Aun así, Dios es nuestra luz y nuestra salvación. No tenemos miedo; nuestra esperanza está en el ¡Señor!*

Leader: Brokenness extends to every denomination. We are broken, hurting people. We have often chosen to nurse our divisions rather than build bridges over our differences. We are missing people, missing brothers and sisters in ministry to all the world.

Líder: *El quebrantamiento se extiende a todas las denominaciones. Estamos rotos, lastimando a la gente. Nosotros a menudo hemos optado por alimentar nuestras divisiones en lugar de construir puentes sobre nuestras diferencias. Estamos perdiendo personas, hermanos y hermanas creyentes al mundo.*

People: Even so, God is our light and our salvation. We are not afraid; our hope is in the Lord!

Personas: *Aun así, Dios es nuestra luz y nuestra salvación. No tenemos miedo; nuestra esperanza está en el ¡Señor!*