

FIRST PARISH CHURCH IN BILLERICA

Sunday December 3, 2023

“Pearl Harbor Day and the Possibility of Peace”

PRELUDE

WELCOME

LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

ANNOUNCEMENTS

GREET YOUR NEIGHBOR

OPENING WORDS: by Albert Camus

CHALICE LIGHTING: by Marjorie Montgomery

Life is a gift for which we are grateful.

We gather in community to celebrate the glories

And the mysteries of this great gift.

STORY FOR ALL AGES:

"Why War is Never a Good Idea"

SINGING OUT THE CHILDREN:

“Go Now in Peace, Go Now in Peace,

Let the Spirit of Love Surround you,

Everywhere, Everywhere, You May Go.”

OPENING HYMN*: #354 We Laugh, We Cry

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH*:

Love is the doctrine of this church. The quest for truth its sacrament, and service is its prayer. To dwell together in peace, to seek knowledge in freedom, to serve humanity in fellowship, to the end that all souls shall grow into harmony with the Divine: thus do we covenant with each other and with God.

CENTERING HYMN:

#127 Can I See Another's Woe?

CANDLES OF JOY AND CONCERN

MUSICAL MEDITATION/INTERLUDE: Ave

Maria by Franz Schubert played by Jooehwa Park

RESPONSIVE READING: Daring For Peace

OFFERTORY

DOXOLOGY*:

From all that dwell below the skies

Let songs of love and faith arise

Let peace, goodwill on earth be sung

Through every land, by every tongue. Amen

READING: words by Rev. Jane Thickstun

SERMON:"Pearl Harbor Day and Possibility of Peace"

EXTINGUISHING THE CHALICE* E.S. Jones

We extinguish this flame / but not the light of truth

the warmth of community

or the fire of commitment.

These we carry in our hearts

until we are together again.

CLOSING HYMN*:#100 I've Got Peace Like A River

(the hymn is sung facing the world

we are about to enter)

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

Please join us for refreshments

downstairs immediately after the service

**Please stand in body or spirit.*

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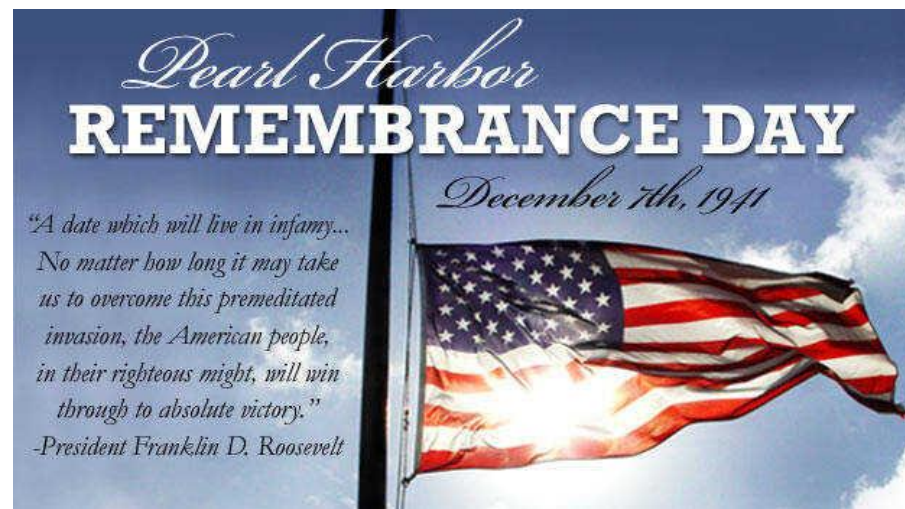
Worship Leaders: Rev. Steve Wilson and Chris Tribou
Church Administrator: Teresa English
Organist: Joohwa Park

Responsive Reading Daring For Peace

As we are confronted by chaos,
May we have the wisdom to believe in peace.
Surrounded by voices of disagreement.
May we have the audacity to speak for peace.
Lured by the seduction of despair,
May we have the courage to maintain
a vision of possibility and peace.

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