



Peace and Protest in a Time of Devastation

by Rev. Jamie Hinson-Rieger

*“From the bosom of the devastated earth a voice goes up with our own. It says:
Disarm, Disarm! The sword of murder is not the balance of justice.”*

-JULIA WARD HOWE FROM THE MOTHER’S DAY PROCLAMATION OF 1870

SOUND OF THE BELL

PRELUDE

Steve Sussman - piano

OPENING WORDS

“Kindness” by Naomi Shihab Nye

Jerry Ross,
Worship Associate

CHALICE LIGHTING

***OPENING HYMN**

“This Is My Song”

No. 159

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Rev. Jamie Hinson-Rieger

***UNISON AFFIRMATION**

Love is the spirit of this church
And service is its law.
This is our great covenant:
To dwell together in peace,
To seek the truth in love,
And to help one another.

El amor es el Espíritu de esta Iglesia
y el servicio es su ley.
Este es nuestro gran pacto:
Vivir juntos en paz,
buscar la verdad en espíritu de amor,
y ayudarnos los unos a los otros.

TIME FOR ALL AGES

“The Lion, the Elephant, and the Grasshopper”

Rev. Jamie

†Children, youth, and their teachers are invited to depart for classes.

SINGING THE CHILDREN OUT

“Children’s Blessing”
by Jason Shelton

May your mind be open to new learning / May your lips bring truth into the world / May your heart know
love, and your hands do the work of justice / as you go your way in peace, as you go your way in peace.

JOYS AND CONCERNS

Lisa Tohline & Laurie Groves

*This is the time in our service when you are invited to light a personal candle of joy or concern.
Please focus your thoughts and be brief.*

PRAYER

Rev. Jamie

* Please rise in body or spirit

† If your family is new to our community, please accompany your child to their class to check in with their teachers before returning to the sanctuary.

*HYMN	“Spirit of Life”	No. 123
REFLECTION		Jerry Ross
OFFERING		Rev. Jamie
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OFFERTORY		Steve Sussman
SERMON	“Peace and Protest in a Time of Devastation”	Rev. Jamie
*CLOSING HYMN	“One More Step”	No. 168
CLOSING WORDS		Rev. Jamie
POSTLUDE		Steve Sussman



Focal Point donated by the Plant Fair Committee

After services join us for coffee, tea, and fellowship in the Common Room.

If you are visiting today, Welcome!

*Fill out a blue card (end of pews) or use the “connect” QR code to fill online and you’ll receive our newsletter, the Parishioner. Drop the card in the usher bag or bring to the welcome table outside the Common Room. During community hour look for someone from the Membership Committee holding the **RED COFFEE MUG** and say hello!*



A WARM THANK YOU TO SUNDAY’S VOLUNTEERS

TECH TEAM – Bob Bass, Sandy Currier, & Cecile Mercado

COFFEE – Marge Heckman, Ellen Scheiner & Rich Suval

USHERS – Sarah Dorer & Lee Vorderer

WELCOME TABLE GREETERS – Ron Green & Marcia Morgan

FLAGS AND WAYSIDE PULPIT – *Please volunteer!*

Sign up to volunteer or donate a focal point with “volunteer” QR code.

EVENTS AT FIRST PARISH THIS WEEK

SUNDAY – 5/12

~ MOTHER'S DAY ~

MONDAY – 5/13

3:45 PM SENIOR YOUTH CHOIR

TUESDAY – 5/14

7:00 PM VESPERS

WEDNESDAY – 5/15

11:00 AM LEADERSHIP COUNCIL
3:30 PM FD ARRIVAL & SNACK
4:00 PM JUNIOR YOUTH GROUP (JYG)
4:00 PM GAMES CLUB (GRADE 3-5)
4:00 PM KIDSING
7:00 PM SPECIAL BOARD MEETING
7:00 PM ENVIRONMENTAL JUSTICE COM.
7:00 PM LAY PASTORAL

THURSDAY – 5/16

9:30 AM SHORT STORY GROUP
11:00 AM CARLETON-WILLARD SGD
7:00 PM COMMITTEE ON MINISTRY
7:30 PM ADULT CHOIR

FRIDAY – 5/17

4:00 PM JUNIOR YOUTH CHOIR

SATURDAY – 5/18

10:00 AM PLANT FAIR

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