

# Seventh Sunday of Easter

## Conscientious Objection

### May 17, 2026

<b>Speakers</b> Jori Mast, Ryan Blount, Jan Emmert, Carrie Mast	<b>Worship Leader</b> Youth	<b>Pianist/Organist</b> LuAnn Stuckey
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### **Gathering**

Music Calls Us to Worship

Welcome

Candle Lighting Jan Wiebe, Jonathan & Theo Andreas

Prelude *Foundation (I)* arr. John Eggert

Opening Prayer

\*Hymn of Gathering *Peace Like A River*  
Jori Mast, piano, John Jantzen, guitar,  
Wendy Chappell-Dick, guitar, Phil Yoder, bass

\*Responsive Reading Ellie Hartzler

One: It is easier to hate than love, especially when we are encouraged to see others as "them."

**Many: Show us your path to peace.**

One: Hostility is easier than hospitality, especially in the presence of our enemies.

**Many: Guide us to follow you on your path of peace.**

One: It is easier to draw swords than to dialogue in words, especially in a nation with more guns than people.

**Many: Help us to hear your voice so we don't wander off your path of peace.**

**All: Give us courage to be instruments of your peace, O God.**

### **Telling God's Story**

Special Music *Jubilate Deo* Michael Praetorius  
Jubilate

Hymn *Peace to You* VT 168  
v.1 as the children come forward

Conversation with Children Theo Andreas & Carrie Mast

Hymn *Peace to You* VT 168  
v.2&3

Community Prayer Phil Yoder  
*The Lord's Prayer* James W. Bixel  
back cover of HWB

Scripture & Message See Insert

### **Living God's Story**

\*Hymn of Response *Nearer My God*  
Jori Mast, piano, John Jantzen, guitar,  
Wendy Chappell-Dick, guitar, Phil Yoder, bass

Offering and Announcements Claire Phillips

Invitation  
Offertory *Foundation (II)* arr. John Eggert  
Prayer of Dedication

### **Sending**

\*Hymn of Sending *We Are People of God's Peace* VT 797

\*Benediction

\*Postlude *How Firm a Foundation* traditional

*\*Please rise in body or in spirit*  
- VT: Voices Together (Purple Bound Book)

Parents of young children: God put the wiggle in children, so no need to suppress those wiggles.  
Sitting closer to the front makes it easier for your little ones to engage.  
Also, children learn their behavior by mimicking you. Sing the hymns, pray, and voice the responses.  
Feel free to leave the sanctuary with your child, but you're welcome to come back.  
As Jesus said, "Let the children come to me."

## Scripture & Message Conscientious Objection

Romans 12:17-21	Jori Mast
Military Registration Update	Carrie Mast
John 15:12-19	Ellie Hartzler
CO Action: Nonresistance on Memorial Day	Jori Mast
Matthew 5:21, 38-39, 43-44	Claire Phillips
CO Action: Building My CO File	Ryan Blount
John 18:36	Ellie Hartzler
CO Action: My Reflections	Interview with Jan Emmert
Revelation 13:10	Ryan Blount



## Peace Like A River

I've got peace like a river  
I've got love like an ocean  
I've got joy like a fountain  
Well, I love like a river  
It flows on forever  
Makes me love everybody

## Nearer My God To Thee

- 1 Nearer, my God, to thee, nearer to thee!  
E'en though it be a cross that raiseth me;  
still all my song shall be, nearer, my God, to thee,  
nearer, my God, to thee, nearer to thee!
- 2 Though like the wanderer, the sun gone down,  
darkness be over me, my rest a stone;  
yet in my dreams I'd be nearer, my God, to thee,  
nearer, my God, to thee, nearer to thee!
- 3 There let the way appear steps unto heav'n;  
all that thou sendest me in mercy giv'n;  
angels to beckon me nearer, my God, to thee,  
nearer, my God, to thee, nearer to thee!
- 4 Then, with my waking thoughts bright with thy praise,  
out of my stony griefs, Bethel I'll raise;  
so by my woes to be nearer, my God, to thee,  
nearer, my God, to thee, nearer to thee!
- 5 Or if on joyful wing, cleaving the sky,  
sun, moon, and stars forgot, upward I fly,  
still all my song shall be, nearer, my God, to thee,  
nearer, my God, to thee, nearer to thee!