

## Words to Ponder as We Enter this Space Today

*Welcome to God's house on Memorial Day weekend. We come before God, not to glorify war, but to honor and celebrate those who walked into the chaos and evil that is war; Those who were civilians and those who were military; those who survived and those who did not; those who were friends and those who were enemies.*

## Gathering Music

### Welcome and Greeting One Another

**Song for All** "Fields of Wonder"

### Announcements & Community Connections

*Please take a moment to fill out the Attendance Pad as it is passed.*

## Giving Our Gifts

**Song for all** "Learning to Be The Light"

## Preparing to Hear Today's Scripture

God of love, peace and justice, it is your will for the world that we may live together in peace. You have promised through the prophet Isaiah that one day the swords will be beaten into ploughshares. Yet we live in a broken world, and there are times that war seems inevitable. Let us recognize with humility and sadness the tragic loss of life that comes in war. Even so, as we gather here free from persecution, we may give thanks for those that have served with courage and honor. Let all Soldiers, Marines, Sailors, Airmen and Coast Guardsmen serve with honor, pride, and compassion. Do not let their hearts be hardened by the actions they are required to take. Strengthen their families. Keep them surrounded in your love and peace.

## The Word in Images and Scriptures

Isaiah 65: 17-25

*Key verse: The wolf and the lamb shall feed together, . . . they shall not hurt or destroy on all my holy mountain."*

## Introduction to Today's Readings on Veterans We Remember

*(Readers: Angie Morgan, Carl Pierce, Laura Larson, Matt Morgan)*

1<sup>st</sup> VIGNETTE – Mike Strank (1919-1945)

**SILENCE** as we pray healing for all victims of wars

2<sup>nd</sup> VIGNETTE – Sharon Lane (1943-1969)

**SILENCE** as we pray release for all victims of wars

3<sup>rd</sup> VIGNETTE – Jimmy Ray Cain (1963-1983)

**SILENCE** as we pray a legacy for all victims of wars

4<sup>th</sup> VIGNETTE – Elizabeth Jacobson (1984-2005)

**SILENCE** as we pray new life for all victims of wars

## Prayer Station

*Who do you know who has died in war, or who has suffered due to war, or whose life has been altered due to war? As a way to honor and remember, you are invited to write their name on the note provided, then bring it forward to lay on the battlefield cross, as a way to name the sacred worth of warriors who have gone to war.*

## Focus Song

"Come As You Are"

David Crowder band

Verse 1

*Come out of sadness from wherever you've been*

*Come broken-hearted let rescue begin*

*Come find your mercy O sinner come kneel  
Earth has no sorrow that Heaven can't heal  
Earth has no sorrow that Heaven can't heal*

*Chorus*

*(So) Lay down your burdens lay down your shame  
All who are broken lift up your face  
O wanderer come home  
You're not too far  
So lay down your hurt lay down your heart  
Come as you are*

*Verse 2*

*There's hope for the hopeless  
And all those who've strayed  
Come sit at the table come taste the grace  
There's rest for the weary  
Rest that endures  
Earth has no sorrow that Heaven can't cure*

*Bridge*

*Come as you are  
Fall in His arms  
Come as you are*

*Verse 3*

*There's joy for the morning O sinner be still  
Earth has no sorrow that Heaven can't heal  
Earth has no sorrow that Heaven can't heal*

*Ending*

*Come as you are  
Come as you are  
Come as you are*

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**A Litany for Two Voices**

(see insert)

**Song for All**

"I Can See Clearly Now"

**Blessing of Peace**

**Parting Music**

## SONGS AND LITANIES

HYMN "O God, You Tell Us Of A Day"

*(Sung to the tune: "I Sing the Mighty Power of God")*

O God, you tell us of a day when all will be made new —  
When former things will fade away from memory and view.  
Then all the earth will shout for joy at what you bring to birth,  
For by your grace, you'll bring about new heavens and new earth.

No more shall weeping fill the streets or people know distress;  
Then infants will grow well and strong, and elders will be blessed.  
Then those who work to build their homes will live in them in peace,  
And all will eat the food they've grown and harvests will increase.

When people labor hard each day, they will not work in vain;  
Their children won't be left to live in hopelessness and pain.  
Then wolf and lamb, now enemies, will meet and rest and graze;  
God's mountain will be one of peace, and joy will fill those days.

O God when will this vision come — this world Isaiah saw  
When earth and heav'n will be as one, and love will be your law?  
May we see glimpses of your grace, and may we seek to be  
A church that gladly works to bring your new community.

### A Litany from The Book of Worship for United States Forces

*(The Armed Forces Chaplains' Board, 1974)*

Leader: Let us give thanks to God for the land of our birth with all its chartered liberties. For all the wonder of our country's story:

**People: We give you thanks, O God.**

Leader: For leaders in nation and state, in every nation, and for those who in days past and in these present times have labored for the commonwealth:

**People: We give you thanks, O God.**

Leader: For those who in all times and places have been true and brave, and in the worlds common ways have lived upright lives and ministered to their fellows:

**People: We give you thanks, O God.**

Leader: For those who served their country in its hour of need, and especially for those who gave even their lives in that service:

**People: We give you thanks, O God.**

### A LITANY FOR TWO VOICES

LEFT: Remember with clear eyes the horrific cost of war.

RIGHT: Remember with deep sorrow those who killed and were killed.

LEFT: Remember with grief the blood-stained battlefields.

RIGHT: Remember with tears the rending of people from their homes.

LEFT: Remember with compassion the bereaved and the wounded.

RIGHT: Remember with reverence those who risked their lives for peace.

LEFT: Remember with tenderness the children's longing for freedom.

*RIGHT: Remember with gratefulness all who forgave their enemies.*

*LEFT: Remember with hope that the kingdom is planted with small seeds.*

*RIGHT: Remember with confidence that faith, hope and love abide.*

**All: Remember with joy that our Savior is the Prince of Peace.**

HYMN "Eternal Father, Strong to Save"

**Naval (General)**

Lord, guard and guide the men who fly  
And those who on the ocean ply;  
Be with our troops upon the land,  
And all who for their country stand:  
Be with these guardians day and night  
And may their trust be in thy might.

**Fliers**

Lord, guard and guide the men who fly  
Through the great spaces in the sky  
Be with them always, in the air  
In darkening storms and sunlight fair.  
Oh hear us when we lift our prayer  
For those in peril in the air.

**Submariners**

Lord God, our power evermore  
Whose arm doth reach the ocean floor  
Dive with our men beneath the sea  
Traverse the depths protectively  
O hear us when we pray, and keep  
them safe from peril in the deep.

**Female Sailors**

O God, protect the women who,  
in service, faith in Thee renew;  
O guide devoted hands of skill  
And bless their work within Thy will;  
Inspire their lives that they may be  
Examples fair on land and sea.

**United States Marines**

Eternal Father, grant, we pray  
To all Marines, both night and day  
The courage, honor, strength, and skill  
Their land to serve, Thy law fulfill  
Be Thou the shield forevermore  
From every peril to the Corps.