

March 5, 2023

Welcome: Announce the birthday songs (Mae Abma- One day at a time & Patricia VanderLeek – What a friend we have in Jesus)

Song: **Blessed be Your Name**

Call to Worship:

God is our refuge and strength,  
always ready to help in times of trouble.

**So we will not fear, even if earthquakes come,  
and the mountains crumble into the sea.**

Let the oceans roar and foam.  
Let the mountains tremble as the waters surge!

**The Lord Almighty is here among us;  
the God of Israel is our fortress.**

Source: Re:Worship, Based on Psalm 46

Song: **I am not my own (Jeremy Benjamin)**

God's Greeting  
We Greet Each Other

Song: **Yet Not I but through Christ in me**

Confession:

Gracious God,  
When we go against your will  
we wonder why life does not work out for us.

**In our brokenness  
we seek happiness and joy in things and expectations.**

Then, outside of your hope,  
we are crushed by the world around us  
and our own inward thoughts.

**Holy Father,  
shine your light into the dark days and nights of our lives.  
Forgive us for falling from your love and blessings,  
and for the sake of Jesus,  
restore in us the joy that only comes  
through your Spirit living in us and through us. Amen.**

Source: Re: Worship

Song: **One Day at a time** (Available on CCLI; Marijohn Wilkin and Kris Kristofferson) – Birthday Song for Mae Abma

### **Words of Assurance**

Through his unending mercy and grace,  
our heavenly Father offers his Son Jesus Christ  
in exchange for our brokenness.

**Jesus is the light the brings joy in the morning  
and leads us to eternity by grace through faith.**

He has destroyed the grip of darkness  
that crushes the spirit  
and allows me to announce to you the good news:  
your sins are forgiven  
in the name of the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

~ written by Carl Eliason, Pastor, Peace Lutheran Church in Grand Island, New England.

Song: **What a Friend we have in Jesus** (Birthday song for Patricia VanderLeek)

Children's Blessing

Scripture: Daniel 1:1-21, *read by Mary Jean Mulder*

Sermon: Living in Exile

Song of Response: **Lead me Guide Me (PH 544)**

Congregational Prayer

Offering: Canadian Foodgrains Bank Video during offering

1. Capital Fund
2. World Renew - Canadian Foodgrains Bank

Parting Blessing

Song: **The Blessing** (Chris Brown)