

***SONG OF REFLECTION “Seek the Welfare of the City”**

1 Seek the wel - fare of the ci - ty, with its tra - ge - dy and pain, where the
 2 Spread a ban - quet in the ci - ty; call the frail, the lost, the least. Show them
 3 Strive for jus - tice in the ci - ty; ban - ish pov - er - ty and need. Set up

wealth - y, with - out pi - ty, fo - cus on - ly on their gain, where the
 mer - cy, Christ's own pi - ty; make them wel - come at the feast. Of - fer
 par - a - digms of pi - ty; show how cap - tives can be freed. Be a -

af - fluent and the greed - y, act - ing with im - pun - i - ty, tram - ple
 hope in full - est mea - sure; serve each one a - bun - dant - ly. Joy be
 po - stles of com - pas - sion; work for en - mi - ties to cease, till all

down the poor and need - y, leav - ing them in mis - er - y.
 there for all to trea - sure, sign of glad - ness yet to be.
 peo - ples, in like fash - ion, walk with Christ his way of peace.

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***RESPONSIVE PRAYER**

Cradler of Grace, you speak your words, so we might hear the sighs
 of the outsiders of our world.

You walk the borderlands of our joys and sorrows,
 so we might embrace your healing.

**You enter our hearts,
 despite our best efforts
 to close them to your presence.**

SCRIPTURE READING

Jeremiah 29:7

Seek the peace and prosperity of the city to which I have carried you into exile. Pray to the Lord for it, because if it prospers, you too will prosper.” (NIV)

PRAYER OF RESPONSE

**Enduring Spirit:
when we are tempted
to imprison the good news
with our politics, our fears,
our prejudices, our doubts -
whisper that Word
which shatters all chains,
and sets us free to be God's people.**

SCRIPTURE READING

Psalm 85:7-13

SONG OF UNITY

“Weaver Spirit”



1 Spir - it of love, you move with-in cre - a - tion, draw - ing the threads to
2 Though we have frayed the fa - bric of your mak - ing, tear - ing a - way from
3 Great loom of God, where his - to - ry is wo - ven, you are the frame that



co - lor and de - sign: life in - to life, you knit our true sal - va - tion,
all that you in - tend, yet, to be whole, hu - man - i - ty is ach - ing,
holds us to the truth, Christ is the theme, the pat - tern you have giv - en,



come, work with us, and weave us in - to one.

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SCRIPTURE READING

Jeremiah 29:7

So, seek the shalom of the city where I have sent you into exile, and pray to the Lord on its behalf, for in its shalom you will find your shalom. (NRSV altered)

CLOSING

The Conch Shell is Blown

WORSHIP PARTICIPANTS

Worship Participants today include:

Bishop Mary Ann Swenson

Lay Leaders Ken Ellis, Connee Freeman, Phil Freeman

General Conference Delegates Tom Choi, Leanne Nakanishi, Molly Vetter, Mele Maka,

Cedrick Bridgeforth, JoAnn Fukumoto, Patricia Harris

Jurisdictional Conference Delegates Frank Wulf, Ana-Haydee Urda, Bau Dang,

Krystle Wheeler, Piula E. Ala'ilima, and Tonya Harris

Annual Conference Members Bill Johnson, Teresa Santillana and Judy Chung

Musicians Gregory Norton and Miki Fifita

We are grateful to this week's Worship Planners:

Mary J. Scifres, Karin Ellis, and Gregory Norton

Chancel Artists Sue D'Alessio and Susan Oeffler

Screen Visual Artist Jason Moore

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