

Welcome

Call to Worship VT#851

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Children's time

Scripture 1 John 3:7-24

Sermon Children of God...in Actions and in Truth

Song

Sharing/Pastoral prayer

After prayer times, "Lord, in your mercy" respond with "hear our prayer."

Offering Song

Announcements – March 6, First Sunday of Lent

Sending VT#906

Sending song VT#832

Go in Peace!

1 John 3:7-24

7 Dear children, do not let anyone lead you astray. The one who does what is right is righteous, just as he is righteous. 8 The one who does what is sinful is of the devil, because the devil has been sinning from the beginning. The reason the Son of God appeared was to destroy the devil's work. 9 No one who is born of God will continue to sin, because God's seed remains in them; they cannot go on sinning, because they have been born of God. 10 This is how we know who the children of God are and who the children of the devil are: Anyone who does not do what is right is not God's child, nor is anyone who does not love their brother and sister.

11 For this is the message you heard from the beginning: We should love one another. 12 Do not be like Cain, who belonged to the evil one and murdered his brother. And why did he murder him? Because his own actions were evil and his brother's were righteous. 13 Do not be surprised, my brothers and sisters, if the world hates you. 14 We know that we have passed from death to life, because we love each other. Anyone who does not love remains in death. 15 Anyone who hates a brother or sister is a murderer, and you know that no murderer has eternal life residing in him.

16 This is how we know what love is: Jesus Christ laid down his life for us. And we ought to lay down our lives for our brothers and sisters. 17 If anyone has material possessions and sees a brother or sister in need but has no pity on them, how can the love of God be in that person? 18 Dear children, let us not love with words or speech but with actions and in truth.

19 This is how we know that we belong to the truth and how we set our hearts at rest in his presence: 20 If our hearts condemn us, we know that God is greater than our hearts, and he knows everything. 21 Dear friends, if

our hearts do not condemn us, we have confidence before God 22 and receive from him anything we ask, because we keep his commands and do what pleases him. 23 And this is his command: to believe in the name of his Son, Jesus Christ, and to love one another as he commanded us. 24 The one who keeps God's commands lives in him, and he in them. And this is how we know that he lives in us: We know it by the Spirit he gave us.

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A Litany for Ukraine by Iris de Le³n-Hartshorn, associate executive director, Mennonite Church USA

All: Our hearts and prayers go out to the people of Ukraine,

One: As they seek refuge from the terrible effects of war.

All: May they find shelter in God's arm,

One: As they try to calm their fears.

All: May they find comfort in God's arm,

One: As they worry about where to find food and shelter.

All: May they find comfort in God's arm,

One: As they witness the death that war brings.

All: May they find solace in God's arm,

One: As they leave their homes behind to find safety.

All: May they find strength in God's arm.

One: Deliver us all from the madness of believing good can come from violence.

All: God hear our prayer.

One: Give us the courage to resist the myths of violence.

All: God hear our prayer.

One: Forgive us our pride as a super military power.

All: God hear our prayer.

One: Give us the compassion that gives birth to generosity and hospitality.

All: God hear our prayer.

One: Let us show love and mercy for those fleeing war.

All: God hear our prayer.

One: Mold us as a people of peace.

All: God hear our prayer.

May God hear our prayers and the cry of the Ukrainian people.