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**REFERENCES:**

The Meditation is from (NA)

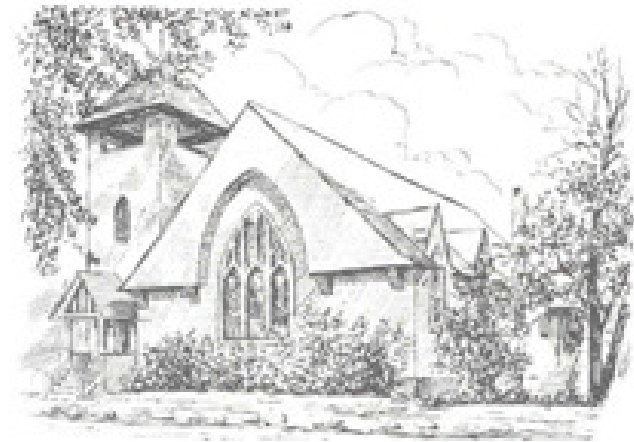
The Bidding to Mission is "The World Peace Prayer". It was provided by United Church Resources and commended by our Fifteenth General Synod. It is a paraphrase of a verse from the Upanishads, the most ancient scriptures of Hinduism, and also prayed daily by Roman Catholic Benedictine Sisters.

**FIRST PARISH CHURCH CONGREGATIONAL  
United Church of Christ  
40 Main St., Freeport, ME 04032**

Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time July 16, 2006

**"No Matter Who You Are or Where You Are On Life's Journey,  
You Are Welcomed Here"**

*THE GATHERING*



**MEDITATION:**

*So now may you leave this place with hearts of love and peace.  
May you find the grace never to sell yourself short;  
grace to risk something big for something good;  
grace to remember that the world now is too dangerous for  
anything but truth, and too small for anything but love.  
So may Love take your minds and think through them;  
may Love take your lips and speak through them;  
may Love take your hearts and grant them peace.*

*Amen.*

(The Rev. Dr. Don Hodgson)

PRELUDE “Intermezzo and Passacaglia” from Sonata #6 by Rheinberger

ANNOUNCEMENTS  
LIFE OF THE CHURCH

LIGHTING THE ALTAR CANDLES

\* OPENING HYMN #573 (NCH) “Lead On Eternal Sovereign”

CALL TO WORSHIP: (Call and Response)

**God call us // to speak, act, and live in certain ways. // Jesus came to us // to show us that it could be done // and to demonstrate // some of the ways how. // As disciples // we are called to make the hard choices // God hopes we will make. // Amen.**

PRAYER OF INVOCATION: (Unison)

**Creator God, grant us the courage to follow your will, even when it means not always following and accepting what others believe is okay, or funny, or necessary. Help us to make decisions about our actions based on the teachings you have shared through prophets and teachers through the ages. Amen.**

\* GLORIA PATRI #513 (in Pilgrim Hymnal)

**Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost; As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen, Amen.**

PASSING OF THE PEACE

Please turn to your neighbors, introduce yourself and say: “**The Peace of Christ Be With You**”. The reply is: “**And Also With You**”.

### *THE GIFT OF THE WORD*

WORD FOR THE YOUNG: Sunday School is in recess until September. Parents are invited to sit with their child(ren) in the Parlor to the left of the Sanctuary, if there is a need. There is a speaker through which you can hear the service. Parents may also bring their children downstairs, but at least one parent must accompany them.

THE ANTHEM “Did You Stop to Pray this Morning?” sung by Josie Cameron Johnson, words & music by Ray Westmoreland, Mark Hurley, & Fred Dexter

SCRIPTURE LESSON: Psalm 85; Mark 6:14-29  
SERMON: “Regard for Our Oaths?”

\*Hymn: #575(NCH) “O For a World”

### *THE CONGREGATION'S RESPONSE*

The offering of our prayers, our gifts, ourselves.

CALL TO PRAYER:

Minister: The LORD be with you.

**People: AND WITH YOUR SPIRIT.**

Minister: Let us pray. O LORD, shed Your mercy on us.

**People: AND STIR YOUR HOLY SPIRIT WITHIN US.**

PASTORAL PRAYER

THE LORD'S PRAYER (Debts and Debtors)

OFFERING: Offertory Invitation  
Anthem Offertory “People Get Ready” sung by Josie Cameron Johnson, written by Curtis Mayfield  
Presentation of our gifts

\* DOXOLOGY # 515

**Praise God from whom all blessings flow; Praise Him, all creatures here below; Praise Him above, ye heavenly host. Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

\* PRAYER OF DEDICATION

Sung Offertory Response #535: **We give Thee but Thine own, what ere that gift may be. All that we have is Thine alone, a trust, O Lord from Thee. Amen.**

BIDDING TO MISSION: “THE WORLD PEACE PRAYER”

One: Lead us, O God

**All: Lead us from death to life, from falsehood to truth.**

**Lead us from despair to hope, from fear to trust.**

**Lead us from hate to love, from war to peace.**

**Let peace fill our hearts, our world, our universe. Amen.**

\* THE BENEDICTION

\* CLOSING HYMN #588 (PH) “Let Justice Flow Like Streams”

\* POSTLUDE “Dear Christians, One and All Rejoice” by Wickmann

**\*Would all who are able please stand.**