

## MAKING PEACE

In the fifth chapter of Matthew, Jesus says those who make peace will be blessed and called children of God. What does it mean to make peace? What does it mean to be a peacemaker? Later on in Matthew 5 and in the rest of the Gospel, Jesus spells out some specific acts of peacemaking.

Peacemaking involves seeking reconciliation with a brother or sister when there is conflict. Peacemaking means not retaliating when someone strikes us. Peacemaking involves giving to others in need and loving our enemies. Peacemaking involves creating a sense of wholeness for those who are part of our community, both locally and worldwide.

Making peace in a post-holocaust or post-9/11 world is not easy. Where does one begin? After September 11, 2001, I joined a group of Quakers on Saturday afternoons in Columbia, Maryland. We stood at a busy intersection for one hour, worshipping in silence and holding signs that proclaimed peace and called for means other than military intervention regarding the impending invasion of Iraq.

Did our little witness make a difference? I cannot say for sure, but we hoped that our weekly gatherings would encourage others to find ways to be peacemakers as God's children.

—David A. Leiter, pastor  
Friendship Church of the Brethren  
Linthicum, Maryland

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### Text for Today

### Matthew 5:1-12 (9)

**Blessed are the peacemakers**, for they will be called children of God. Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness' sake, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. Blessed are you when people revile you and persecute you and utter all kinds of evil against you falsely on my account. Rejoice and be glad, for your reward is great in heaven, for in the same way they persecuted the prophets who were before you.

CHURCH OF THE BRETHREN LIVING WORD BULLETIN 11105





Sheldon Church of the Brethren  
 Ministers - All Members  
 March 26, 2006  
 Fourth Sunday In Lent  
 9:30 a.m. Worship



GATHERING MUSIC - *His Eye Is On The Sparrow*

GREETING/SHARING TIME/SPECIAL DAYS

PRELUDE/LIGHT CANDLES - *When I Survey The Wondrous Cross*

\*CALL TO WORSHIP

\* OPENING HYMN #48 *All Creatures Of Our God And King (v. 1,2,3,7)*

\*INVOCATION

SPECIAL MUSIC - *My Offering*

CHILDREN'S TIME (Gathering Song: *Jesus Loves the Little Children*)  
*"Taste And See That The Lord Is Good"*

OFFERTORY STATEMENT

OUR TITHES AND OFFERINGS *Created To Worship* - Matt & Amy Morrison

\*DOXOLOGY #119

\*PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

SHARING OUR JOYS AND CONCERNS

PRAYER HYMN #79 *Lord, With Devotion We Pray*

PASTORAL PRAYER

PRAISE CHORUS (*See Insert*)

SCRIPTURE Acts 17:16-34

MESSAGE "Created To Worship"

\*CLOSING HYMN #71 *Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee*

\*BENEDICTION

\* - *Please Stand, if you are able*

**SERVING THE CONGREGATION TODAY:**

Message	Matt Morrison
Children's Message	Amy Morrison
Music	Amy Morrison
Special Music	Amy Morrison
Ushers	Mark and Scott
Greeter	Rhelma Evans
Brethren Heritage Class	Alan Cox
Children's Sunday School	Ann, Brianna, Doug, Laurean, Sandi, and Vicki

**SERVING THE CONGREGATION SUNDAY, April 2:**

Message	Rev. David Loveall
Children's Message	Marcene Cox
Music	Lynn Rolfsmeier
Ushers	Mark and Ryan
Greeter	Alan Cox
Brethren Heritage Class	Alan Cox
Children's Sunday School	Ann, Brianna, Doug, Laurean, Sandi, and Vicki

**PRAYER REMINDERS**

Our Congregation & Children	Reaching Out to Our Community
Arline English	Ann Evans
Linda Beal	Jerry Rolston
United Christians International	Jean Jean & Kristie
Those Serving in the Military	Phillip Riecks
Living Peace Church of the Brethren	in Sioux City

## **PRAISE CHORUS: "Jesus, Lover of My Soul"**

It's all about You, Jesus  
And all this is for You,  
for Your glory and Your fame.  
It's not about me. As if You should do things my way.  
You alone are God, and I surrender  
To Your ways.

Jesus, lover of my soul.  
All-consuming fire is in Your gaze.  
Jesus, I want You to know,  
I will follow You all my days.  
No one else in history is like You,  
And history itself belongs to You.  
Alpha and Omega, You have loved me,  
And I will share eternity with You.

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## **Anniversaries and Birthdays for March**

### *Anniversaries*

14 - Ross & Sandi Cox

### *Birthdays*

06 - Alisha Dumar

Gerald Jans

Kevin Rolston

09 - Reese Elder

13 - Alexis Peterson

Ray Rolston

Sheena Rolston

16 - Ross Cox

26 - Lynn Rolfmeier

Joshua Van Roekel

Many happy returns of the day of thy birth. May sunshine and gladness be given and may the Dear Father prepare thee on earth for a beautiful birthday in heaven.

## **Church Events**

### **Welcome!**

Welcome to Matt and Amy Morrison this morning.

Welcome to all visitors and guests this morning. May you find today's service an inspiration!

### **Reminders**

Please sign-up for Sunday worship leader (when needed), children's message, greeters after March 26, and janitorial duties for **May-September**. The sheet for these important duties is posted on the bulletin board for sign-ups and reference.

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## **Love Feast Service**

Rev. Lucinda Douglas, pastor of the Living Peace Church of the Brethren, Sioux City, will preside at the church's Love Feast Service, Thursday, April 13, at 6:30 p.m. We will meet upstairs for a preparation time, and then go downstairs for the remainder of the service.

## **Meals on Wheels**

Jo Rolston will have a sign-up sheet for volunteers to help with the Meals-On-Wheels during the weeks of April 17 through April 21, and April 24 through April 28. There are two routes and two people per route are needed. Meals are ready at the Northwest Iowa Regional Health Center at 11:10 a.m. Your help is needed during these times. Please volunteer your time when the sheets are made available.

## **Community Events**

**March 29** - Lunch In Lent will be held in the First Reformed Church's Fellowship Hall. The meal is \$3 per person and will be served from 11:45-12:15. An area minister will provide a devotion from 12:15 until 12:30.

**March 27** - United Methodist Men's Pancake Supper 5-7 p.m. in Fellowship Hall.

**April 2** - Ashton St Mary's Church invites you to a Last Supper presentation entitled "Lord, Is it I?" given by the United Methodist Men's Ministry of Sheldon. When Jesus announces that one of his twelve disciples will betray him, the disciples one by one will be featured in the spotlight and ponder aloud if they could be the one. A cast of 13, along with a narrator, musicians and support staff have traveled to 46 communities in four states and ministered to thousands over the years. The production will be held on Sunday at 7 p.m. A free will offering will be taken. Refreshments will be served following the program.

**April 8** - St. Patrick's School Easter White Breakfast. Serving begins at 9 a.m., message at 9:45 a.m. Free will offering will be taken for Love, INC. Reservations can be called into St. Patrick's School at 324-3181 by Thursday, April 6, or contact Linda Adams.

**April 12** - A Sheldon Community Youth Rally will be held at the Sheldon High School. Money is needed for prizes. If interested in making a donation, please see the bulletin board.

## **Guest Speakers**

April 2 - Rev. David Loveall (No Communion)

April 9 - Pete Aberson (Palm Sunday)

April 13 - Rev. Lucinda Douglas (Love Feast)

April 16 - Rev. Don Lenderink (Easter)

April 23 - Rev. David Loveall

April 30 - Don Adkins

May 7 - Rev. David Loveall (Communion)

May 14 - Gene Bomgaars (Mother's Day)

May 21 - Bill Schoonover

May 28 - Matt Morrison

June 4 - Rev. David Loveall (Communion)