

# OUR WORSHIP CELEBRATION

## MAY 17, 2020

# “THE FRUIT OF THE SPIRIT: PEACE”

## ROMANS 12:9-21

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#### **Prelude**

~The instrumental cue to gather and prepare for worship

#### **Welcome - Matt O’Sullivan, Youth Director**

#### **\*Call to Worship - Psalm 29**

~God’s invitation for us to engage in worship in the Holy Spirit

#### **\*Weekly Congregational Response**

~Our humble response to God’s call to worship

#### **\*Prayer of Invocation**

~The giving of thanks for God’s promised presence and work among us

#### **\*Song of Preparation and Praise - *Ascribe***

~Our celebration of God as our good and faithful Abba Father

#### **\*Confession of Sin and Assurance of Pardon - John 16:25-33**

~Our admission of our failures and need for Christ as Savior

#### **\*Prayer in Response to Our Assurance of Pardon**

#### **\*Song of Comfort - *In Christ Alone***

~Our praise of Jesus as our Savior

#### **Giving - Josh Cuthbertson**

~Our cheerful response to God’s generous provision in all things

#### **Song of Reflection - *O For A Thousand Tongues to Sing***

~Our call for the Holy Spirit to prepare our hearts and minds for the Word

#### **Pastoral Prayer - Cameron Barham**

~Our prayer for the church gathered near and far

#### **Sermon - The Fruit of the Spirit: Peace** Romans 12:9-21

#### **\*Song of Response - *The Church’s One Foundation***

~Our commitment to apply God’s Word in and through our lives

#### **\*Announcements**

~Weekly opportunities to live out the Word read, confessed, prayed, sung, and preached

#### **\*Benediction - Galatians 6:14-18**

~God’s parting blessing as we are sent out on His redemptive mission

\*Stand

**Key Truth: We love God by dwelling securely in His presence at peace in Christ and love our neighbors by persistently pursuing reconciliation and maintaining peace in the conviction of the Holy Spirit both inside and outside the church.**

#### **Introduction:**

**Q: *How much energy does conflict cost you when it happens? How does it affect how you see the world?***

**Peace:** Because God reconciled us to Himself through the finished work of Jesus Christ as sealed in the Holy Spirit, we dwell securely in the presence of God and swiftly and persistently pursue reconciliation with our neighbors in the conviction of the Holy Spirit

#### **Romans 12:9-13: Be at Peace with Your Brothers and Sisters in Christ:**

“In individuals, peace is the work of God’s Spirit, peace is the effect of our being joined together in a harmoniously working whole....This peace is a fact, not a fancy; a present reality, not something to be hoped for. Where this peace is lacking, Christ and the Spirit are missing. The harmonious working together of the saints in the Body is guaranteed by the presence of the Spirit, and it must be the goal of every saint.”  
John W. Sanderson, *The Fruit of the Spirit: A Study Guide*

**Q: *What causes you to experience conflict with fellow brothers and sisters in Christ? How swiftly and persistently do you pursue reconciliation so as to be at peace in Christ?***

#### **Romans 12:14-21: Be at Peace with Unbelievers as an Invitation Into the Family in Christ:**

“The early church understood the necessity of having a good reputation with outsiders (1 Tim 3:7). Although it is imperative that believers take pains to do what is right in God’s sight, it also is important that what we do, as long as it does not violate Christian ethics, is well thought of by the world (cf. 2 Cor 8:21). In so far as it is possible, we are called to live at peace with everyone. Wickedness is to be opposed and righteousness lauded, but Christians must be careful not to allow their allegiance to God to alienate them from the world they are intended to reach with the gospel.”

Robert H. Mounce, *Romans*

**Q: *What causes you to experience conflict with those outside the church? Why would brokering peace if it be possible be important to pursue in this situation?***

#### **Application:**

**Romans 12:9-21** teaches us that we love God by dwelling securely in His presence at peace in Christ and love our neighbors by persistently pursuing reconciliation and maintaining peace:  
-among the fellow beloved within the church  
-with the potential beloved outside of the church

**Peace:** We love God by dwelling securely in His presence and love our neighbors by swiftly and persistently pursuing reconciliation in the conviction of the Holy Spirit.

**Benediction: Galatians 6:14-18**