

REview and PREview
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Good Wednesday evening! I trust that you are off to a good week.

REview - I've attached Sunday's sermon. It felt really good to be back in church with you. Special thanks to Rev. Ed Evans for covering the week before. I actually listened to his sermon (MP3) while in in Canada.

PREview - The Psalm for Sunday is Psalm 105:1-11 and the reading from Acts is 9:19b-43. I hope you will find time to read both and especially the concluding verses in chapter nine - the healing of Aeneas and the bringing back to life of Tabitha. I can't think of a more timely focus for the Sunday we celebrate the resurrection of our kitchen in the Social Hall. I hope you will make every effort to be in attendance - 10 AM for worship and a wonderful brunch celebration at 11:30 AM.

On this day, 72 years ago, the United States dropped an atomic bomb on the Japanese city of Nagasaki – just three days after dropping one on the city of Hiroshima. It is estimated that over 150,000 people were killed over those three days. Until the last few months, such large-scale destruction seemed at least seven decades away and as well as thousands of miles. But the world keeps shrinking and history too often repeats itself. Leaders in North Korea and in the US and in China are facing incredible diplomatic challenges and will be answerable to peace-seeking citizens in each of their countries. Anxieties, tensions and threats will continue to agitate and provoke.

The United Methodist Church believes war to be “incompatible with the teachings and example of Christ.” The Church “insists that the first moral duty of all nations is to work together to resolve by peaceful means every dispute that arises between or among them” (2016 Book of Discipline, Social Principles ¶165.C). The United Methodist Church also “supports the abolition of nuclear weapons...We call all nations that possess nuclear weapons to renounce these vile instruments of mass destruction and to move expeditiously to dismantle all nuclear warheads and delivery vehicles” (2016 Book of Resolutions, #6129).

The World Council of Churches, The National Council of Churches in Korea and the Korean Christian Federation have designated this coming Sunday, 13 August, as the Sunday of Prayer for the Peaceful Reunification of the Korean Peninsula.

We will begin our worship this Sunday with the sounding of our church bell, silence and prayer: for peace on the Korean Peninsula, for peace in the hearts of our leaders, and for peace among all peoples.