

GBUMC COMPASS

A Weekly Worship Guide

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"Friends in Christ exercising love, hope and grace to enrich all lives."

Be-Attitudes Sermon: "Peace-Full"

"Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God."

Matthew 5:9 (NRSV)

"Blessed are you when people revile you and persecute you and utter all kinds of evil against you falsely on my account."

Matthew 5:11 (NRSV)

"Pursue peace with everyone and the holiness without which no one will see the Lord."

Hebrews 12:14 (NRSV)

Thoughts to Consider for the Sermon

1. How often do you suppose we're more comfortable being peace-lovers rather than peacemakers?

2. We remind one another that we're children of God. But what does that look like? Perhaps that is an identity we can only authentically claim if we are truly committed to making peace.
3. "Sitting on the garage floor making engine noises doesn't make someone a car, anymore than sitting in a pew, reading a Bible, or wearing a cross makes someone a Christian." –*Some anonymous truth*
4. What does real peacemaking look like for you?

An Invitation For You

If you are worshiping with us today, and you don't have a church home, but are looking for a faith community full of people who are discovering what it means to be a disciple of Jesus, following Christ's example, love and grace, then we would love the opportunity to be that church home and family for you. If this sounds good to you, we simply want to encourage you to keep coming, talk to those around you, and discover what it means to be part of this beautiful church family and family of Christ.

Membership in the church is not about a status. Instead, it's about taking a step as a follower of Jesus to commit yourself, along with others, to that journey! If you are interested in joining the church as a member, or even just learning more about it, please indicate that on your Connect Card, and we'll be sure to reach out quickly!

Meeting you is a blessing for us, and we hope that this day was a blessing for you!

-Pastor Brian