

Service of Evening Prayer  
August 17, 2022

**Opening Sentences:**

*A New Zealand Prayer Book*

Our help is in the name of the eternal God,  
**who is making the heavens and the earth.**

**Opening Prayer:**

Dear God,  
Thank you for all that is good,  
for our creation and for our humanity,  
for the stewardship you have given us of this planet earth,  
for the gifts of life and of one another,  
for your love which is unbounded and eternal.

Gather with us as we meet this night;  
Guide us as we care for this congregation and its members and mission;  
And comfort us as we part following our journey together.  
In the name of the Son, our faithful companion.  
**Amen.**

**Reading from the Scripture: Psalm 46**

**Evening Prayer:**

Give us your peace, O God, that we may rejoice in your goodness to us and to all your children, and be thankful for your love revealed in Jesus Christ. Especially we thank you for  
the members and friends of this congregation and ministry of this church;  
those who serve on the church staff;  
those called to service as Elders, Deacons, Sunday school teachers, voices in the choir, workday volunteers and the kitchen crew;  
our sisters and brothers of this presbytery;  
the ministry of Grace Covenant Presbyterian Church;  
the unity of the Church of Jesus Christ.

Give us your peace, O God, that we may be confident of your care for us and all your children, as we remember the needs of others. Especially we pray for  
those who continue to live in your comfort and care;  
those who are hungry and seek shelter;  
those who beginning to rebuild their lives following the tornado and flood damage in our state;  
those who care for others and are first responders when the need is great.

**The Lord's Prayer:**

Remembering the prayer of Jesus for God's reign to come to earth, we pray...

**Blessing:**

May the Lord who is our peace, give us peace at all times and in every way.

**Amen.**

Bless the Lord.

**The Lord's name be praised.**