

START FROM WHERE YOU ARE

I see you sitting in your room
You're thinking: what kind of world is this?
Peace is like the stars - seems so far away.

Why don't you start from where you are, do what you can do.

There's a whole lot of changes that can only start from you.

You may be only small, of everyone the least
But yours could be the milligram that tips the scales to peace

And yours could be the all-important patch of ground
Where first we gained a foothold and turned the world around.

I know the news is mostly bad -
This world it seems a sad old place.
Peace is on the run - are we in a losing race?

Why don't you start from where you are, do what you can do.

The most important changes have started with a few.
If you use the skills you have, hope will find release.
If you join your hope to others' hope the movement will increase

All round the world there's people choosing to believe
That peace might just be possible - you don't have to naive.

Why don't you start from where you are
Do what you can do today.

You hear a million words a day -
They're selling you the same old lie.
But peace is like the pearl money cannot buy.

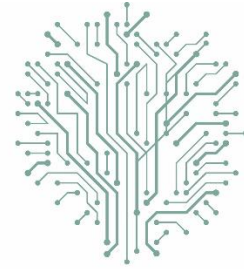
Why don't you start from where you are, do what you can do.

There's a different way of thinking, very old but ever new:

Share the things we have, love our enemy
Yes, calling from the centre, the God of life decrees
The little child is more important than the king
And until we start to act that way we're just dangling from a string.

Why don't we start from where we are
Do what we can do today.

Words and music by Peter Kearney



SALTBUSH

UNITING THE SCATTERED COMMUNITY

Simple worship for the scattered Christian community

Like 17:5-10
You've Got It!

Welcome

We come to hear the Good News, to embody the love of God in Christ as we share our lives with others.

Lighting of Christ Candle

God's truth is revealed in Jesus Christ the light of the world. May the light shine for the hope of the world.

Responses & Gathering Prayer

God, creator of things large and small, be with us as we gather in community this day, for we are people who long to explore the ins and outs of our faith. We are ready to negotiate the highways and byways of belief.

We come open to learning more about life lived with and in you. Amen. *

Song: [The Road Less Travelled](https://johncoleman.bandcamp.com/track/the-road-less-travelled-2)

by John Coleman and Ian Bartle
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Peace

The peace of the Lord be with you.

And also with you.

You are invited to turn to those around you and offer them a word of greeting and peace.

The Word around the Bush

Luke 17:5-10

⁵The apostles said to the Lord, "Increase our faith!" ⁶The Lord replied, "If you had faith the size of a mustard seed, you could say to this mulberry tree, 'Be uprooted and planted in the sea,' and it would obey you. ⁷"Who among you would say to your slave who has just come in from plowing or tending sheep in the field, 'Come here at once and take your place at the table'? ⁸Would you not rather say to him, 'Prepare supper for me, put on your apron and serve me while I eat and drink; later you may eat and drink'? ⁹Do you thank the slave for doing what was commanded? ¹⁰So you also, when you have done all that you were ordered to do, say, 'We are worthless slaves; we have done only what we ought to have done!'

The Message

From your Scattered Community Minister or another leader within your gathering.

Questions for conversation

- You have this faith already. How do you live out this faith?
- What stops you from knowing you are already valued and loved?
- In what ways can we as a church share this awesome message?

Silence in Two Ways

Spend some time in silence sitting still (suggested 5 minutes). Close your eyes lightly. Sit relaxed but alert. If your thoughts, feel like they are crowding you just allow them to drift away.

Prayers for Others

We have been brought into loving relationship with God.

Our eyes have been opened to a new world order, and so we pray for those in need of the kind-heartedness of God and a transformed world.

For those excluded from jobs and homes through mental illness: **may we offer acceptance.**

For those enslaved in unfair work conditions: **may we be ethical, thinking consumers.**

For those who live in unsafe places of war: **we pray for peace for their communities and call for an end to conflict.**

For those using violence as power: **we pray that they may feel the calming breath of the Spirit, and that we may be examples of peaceful living.**

For those who propagate hatred and fear of the stranger: **we pray their hearts might be broken by love and that we be bold in our love for all.**

(pause)

In your name we pray. Amen. *

Song for Reflection:

[Start from Where you Are](#) by Peter Kearney

<https://peterkearney.bandcamp.com/track/40-start-from-where-you-are>

Closing Responses & Blessing

In this place we have learnt more of who we can become as God's people. We are becoming more loving, more generous, more patient, wiser, and we know these things will develop more fully in us as we live out our lives under God's good tutelage and care. Do not be afraid to go boldly in the grace of God, the love of Christ and the power of the Holy Spirit.

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