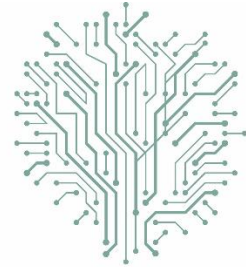


Deep Peace

Deep peace of the running wave to you,
deep peace of the flowing air to you,
deep peace of the quiet earth to you,
deep peace of the shining stars to you,
deep peace of the gentle night,
moon and stars pour their healing light on you,
deep peace of Christ the light of the world to you.

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SALTBUSH

UNITING THE SCATTERED COMMUNITY

Simple worship for the scattered Christian community

John 17:1-11
Embraced by God

Welcome

We are here today, not because of any denominational virtue or superior doctrine, but because of the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit.

Lighting of Christ Candle

Light is sown among the people of God,
and happiness among the sincere in heart.
Rejoice in God, O you people of faith!
Give thanks to God's holy name!

Responses & Gathering Prayer

Loving Creator, your grace for us flows freely into our lives. Through Christ we are invited to in communion with you, embraced by your eternal love.

May we receive your love with open and grateful hearts. Knowing that our lives are filled with your hope and blessing. That we may share the abundance of your love with all others and all creation. In Christ we pray. Amen

Song: [In You we Live](#) by Sue Mephram.

<https://malcolmgordon.bandcamp.com/track/in-you-we-live-keren-oey>

Peace

The peace of the Lord be with you.
And also with you.

The Word around the Bush

John 17:1-11

After Jesus had spoken these words, he looked up to heaven and said, "Father, the hour has come; glorify your Son so that the Son may glorify you, ²since you have given him authority over all people, to give eternal life to all whom you have given him. ³And this is eternal life, that they may know you, the only true God, and Jesus Christ whom you have sent. ⁴I glorified you on earth by finishing the work that you gave me to do. ⁵So now, Father, glorify me in your own presence with the glory that I had in your presence before the world existed.

⁶"I have made your name known to those whom you gave me from the world. They were yours, and you gave them to me, and they have kept your word. ⁷Now they know that everything you have given me is from you; ⁸for the words that you gave to me I have given to them, and they have received them and know in truth that I came from you; and they have believed that you sent me. ⁹I am asking on their behalf; I am not asking on behalf of the world, but on behalf of those whom you gave me, because they are yours. ¹⁰All mine are yours, and yours are mine; and I have been glorified in them.

¹¹And now I am no longer in the world, but they are in the world, and I am coming to you. Holy Father, protect them in your name that you have given me, so that they may be one, as we are one.

The Message

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

Questions for conversation

What does it mean to you to be embraced by God?

How does your church show to others they are embraced by God?

Silence

In this time allow yourselves the space to be silent before God. Knowing that God hears your deepest thoughts and feelings.

Prayers for Others

God of Loving Embrace, we bring to you our prayers for those whom we find it easy to love, we bring to our prayers for those whom we find difficult but know they are loved as we are loved by you, we bring to you our prayers for the stranger for whom we know you are with, embracing them as we know you embrace us.

We pray for:

Your world.

This nation.

Our community.

Your church.

Your Creation.

Ourselves.

In Christ name we pray. Amen.

Song for Reflection:

[Deep Peace](https://robinmann.bandcamp.com/track/deep-peace-2) with Dorothy and Robin Mann
<https://robinmann.bandcamp.com/track/deep-peace-2>

Closing Responses & Blessing

God will go with you by day, go with you night by night,
be with you in light, be with you in shadow,
strengthen you in work, strengthen you in sleep,
the great God will encircle your thoughts, your prayers,
and you service.

Bless us and the people we meet along the way
Father, Son and Holy Spirit. **Amen**