

Sharing

Prayer

One: God of Shalom  
May we be at peace within ourselves,  
with one another, within our communities,  
and with all of creation.

**All: We desire to be a people of your peace.**

One: Make a way where there seems to be no way:  
for those who are sick and in prison,  
for those who are alone and hopeless,  
for those who are stuck,  
for those who have lost everything.

**All: We desire to be a people of your peace.**

One: Infuse your life giving and renewing Spirit  
into all people who long to know your presence  
and into all situations that need to be turned around.

**All: We desire to be a people of your peace.**

One: Let that same Spirit speak boldly into our hearts and lives so  
we might understand our own role  
in causing harm and blocking the signs of your kingdom.

**All: We desire to be a people of your peace.**

One: We offer you our thanks and praise  
for the ways in which you heal us and deliver us,  
for the promise of new life, for your abiding presence with  
us.

**All: May we live our gratitude as people of your peace.**

One: God of Shalom, hear our prayers. AMEN.

Song

Blessing for Fellowship meal

**God,  
Feed our bodies with good food,  
And our hearts with good conversation,  
So we can go out and serve you. AMEN.**



# Frazer Mennonite Church Intergenerational Table Worship July 16, 2023

Welcome and Announcements

Call to worship

Songs

Scripture reading: Leviticus 25

Table questions:

1. Based on what you heard from Dave's reading of the text, what is Jubilee?
2. And what was the purpose of it? Why did God declare it?
3. We have no evidence that this Jubilee ever happened. Can you think of some reasons why that might be?
4. In the gospels, Jesus begins his ministry by declaring a kind of jubilee—do you remember what he said?
5. Is it possible for us to do jubilee now? And if we can't, are there ways we can practice parts of it, as a way that all can feel free—spiritually and economically?

Stations

**Prison care kits**—In the senior high youth room, you can put together MORE prison care kits. This is keeping with the scripture where Jesus declares jubilee at the beginning of his ministry—part of that meant a release of captives. As you put the kits together, think about this as an opportunity to create a moment of jubilee for prisoners, most of whom do not get to experience mercy in their prison sentence. And if you have time, write a note of love and support and include it in a prison care kit.

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**Jubilee banner**—On the Jubilee banner, found in the room behind the fireplace, color in a letter, include your name on the banner and/or write how you want to make this a year of jubilee.

**Word jumble**—Word jumbles are found on the tables. If you need a quiet, introverted activity, this is for you!

**Signs of Life scavenger hunt**—Take a walk outside, and look for those signs of life that had nothing to do with our own striving. How is God providing jubilee in creation? Take some time to also write some of your thoughts down on the bulletin board.

**Jubilee game**—At the table in the Sunday school hallway, play a game of Jubilee, and feel what it feels like to have your debts paid off. Talk with each other about fairness vs. jubilee.

## Songs

### Table communion ritual

*Choose someone to read the light print, and everyone else read the dark print. There are several simple responses that everyone can do when prompted to repeat.*

*Another person should be chosen to pour out the juice, and hand out the bread, juice and grapes.*

Come, friends, to this holy table,  
Come to this special meal.  
You are welcome in the name of God our parent, Jesus Christ our Savior, and the Holy Spirit, who inspires and challenges us.

With our hearts we thank you, God.  
**With our hearts we thank you, God.**  
With our lives we praise you, God.  
**With our lives we praise you, God.**  
Everywhere we look we see what you have made.  
We love your world and its beauty.  
We love the people you have given to us—to share our homes, to be our family and friends.  
We love to work, to play and rest.  
We love to grow in knowing you better.  
Thank you for every way you bless us.  
**Thank you for every way you bless us.**

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We are people who choose to follow Jesus  
And so this morning we remember him.

Tell me about Jubilee—

*Share together what is important to you about Jubilee.  
Or share about a time you experienced a bit of jubilee.*

Today, at this table, we tell the story of jubilee. We tell the story about the last night Jesus ate with his friends, how he held the bread, and broke the bread and handed it to them, saying, “when you eat this bread you share in my body, you are part of me.”

At the end of the meal he lifted up a cup of wine, and shared it with them, saying, “when you drink from this cup you share in my blood. It shows God’s promise to you. It shows that you are precious and forgiven, no matter what.”

Here we are, the people of God, sharing around this holy table  
In the body and blood of Jesus Christ.  
May his life Spirit flow in us and make us his people. AMEN.

(Hand out bread, cup and grapes)

The bread of heaven, for the people of God.  
**Thanks be to God.**

(everyone eats bread or has a grape)

The cup of salvation, for God’s beloved.  
**Thanks be to God.**

(everyone drinks juice, or has a grape)

Thank you, God, for this meal, which feeds our bodies and our spirits.  
**Thank you, God.**

May the bread and cup we have shared together, sustain us for your work of justice.  
**AMEN.**

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