



**"This Tax Day — What Does
the Lord Require of Us?"**
*A Service of Worship and Witness
Livermore Nuclear Weapons Lab*
Good Friday — 2022 7:45 AM

Gathering and Conversation (@ 7:45)

Morning Song	Betsy Rose
Welcome	Janet Cordes Gibson
Honoring the Land and the Ancestors	Isabella Zizi
Invocation	Farha Andrabi Navaid
Song, "Holy Ground" (1st verse)	Betsy Rose
Nuclear Update	Marylia Kelley
Musical Response	Betsy Rose
Ukraine and Nonviolence—Thoughts	Carl Anderson
Songs of Micah	Daniel Zwickel ben Avram MacJean
Sacred Dance by Zara Anwar and Carla De Sola	
Responsive Reading	led by Wynd Kaufmyn and Rev. Max Lynn

Leader 1: In the wasteland of war, the expenditure of resources knows no restraints; here our abundance is fully recognized and enthusiastically squandered.¹

Leader 2: A king is not saved by his great army; a warrior is not delivered by his great army 33: 15-17²

The People Together: *We still have a choice today: nonviolent coexistence or violent co-annihilation.*¹

Leader 1: Racism and its perennial ally — economic exploitation — provide the key to understanding most of the international complications of this generation.¹

Leader 2: God Almighty and Glorious says: O My servants, I have forbidden oppression for Myself and have made it forbidden among you, so do not oppress one another. — Hadith Qudsi²

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Leader 1: The large power blocs talk passionately of pursuing peace while expanding defense budgets that already bulge, enlarging already awesome armies and devising ever more devastating weapons. The heads of all the nations issue clarion calls for peace, yet they come to the peace table accompanied by bands of brigands each bearing unsheathed swords.¹

Leader 2: Then Jesus said to Peter: “Put your sword back into its place; for all who take the sword will perish by the sword.”
— Matthew 26:52²

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Leader 1: Before it is too late, we must narrow the gaping chasm between our proclamations of peace and our lowly deeds which precipitate and perpetuate war True nonviolence is more than the absence of violence. It is the persistent and determined application of peaceable power to offenses against the community — in this case the world community.¹

Leader 2: However many holy words you read, however many you speak, what good will they do you if you do not act upon them?
— the Buddha³

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Leader 1: A genuine revolution of values means in the final analysis that our loyalties must become ecumenical rather than sectional. Every nation must now develop an overriding loyalty to humankind as a whole to preserve the best in their individual societies. This call for a world-wide fellowship that lifts neighborly concern beyond one's tribe, race, class and nation is in reality a call for an all-embracing and unconditional love for all people.¹

Leader 2: There are horses of many colors — brown, black, yellow, white — yet it is all one horse. So cattle, so all living things — animals, flowers, trees. So people: in this land where once were only Indians are now humanity of every color — white, black, yellow, red — yet all one people. That this should come to pass was in the heart of the Great Mystery. It is right thus. And everywhere there shall be peace.

— Hiamovi, High Chief among the Cheyennes and the Dakotas, 1907⁴

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Leaders & People Together: *We must move past indecision to action. We must find new ways to speak for peace. . . and justice throughout the developing world — a world that borders on our doors. If we do not act we shall surely be dragged down the long dark and shameful corridors of time reserved for those who possess power without compassion, might without morality, and strength without sight. Now let us begin. Now let us rededicate ourselves to the long and bitter — but beautiful — struggle for a new world.*⁵

Cinco siglos igual by León Gieco

Rev. Silvia Brandon-Pérez

The Passion: Luke 23:26-49

Fr. Ivan Tou

Homily

Rev. Allison Tanner

Offering

Janet Cordes Gibson

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Offertory music: Tony Scarr, clarinet

Manifiesto by Victor Jara

Rev. Silvia Brandon-Pérez

Action: Symbolic Redistribution of Our Taxes: housing, healthcare, environment, education led by Mark Coplan

Song, "Holy Ground" (2nd verse)

Benediction

Jim Haber

Responsive Readings sources:

1. *Where Do We Go From Here: Chaos or Community?* — Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.

2. *Peace Primer, Quotes from Jewish, Christian, Islamic Scripture & Tradition*
— Gottlieb, Harris, Sehested
 3. Paraphrase of verses 19 and 20 from the *Dhammapada*
 4. *Poems of War Resistance* — Scott Bates, editor
 5. *Beyond Vietnam* — Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.
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