



How Will We Ever Learn to Talk to Each Other?

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Music for Gathering

Words of Welcome

Sharon Sauter

Opening Song

This Is My Song (#159)

Chalice Lighting

Sharon Sauter

A Reminder of What We Share by Pat Uribe -Lichty

Joys and Sorrows

Sharon Sauter

Musical Meditation

Meditation on Breathing (#1009)

Silent Meditation

Offering

Sharon Sauter

Offertory

Giving Thanks for All That Sustains Us:

For the countless gifts we each have been given, gifts of life and love and sustenance, we bring these small portions, to share in the works of love which none of us can accomplish alone.

Readings

Words Are

Windows or They're Walls by Ruth Bebermeyer

Tim Closson

Watch Those Labels by Ruth Bebermeyer Elizabeth Closson

Stop the Confusion by Marshall B. Rosenberg, PhD Tim Closson

Song

From You I Receive (#402)

Reflection

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Questions for Sharing and Listening

1. What happens inside you when someone makes a statement with which you strongly disagree? Think about physical feelings, emotions, forming a response, not really listening, etc.
2. How do you respond to the suggestion "Listen to what people are needing rather than what they are saying." How do you identify the needs people are indirectly expressing?
3. Consider this statement: "Violence comes from the belief that other people cause our pain and therefore deserve punishment." Remember that violence is not necessarily physical but can include loud voices, body posture, facial expressions, harsh words, judgement, "shoulds" and more.

Guidelines for discussion: Please speak the truth as you understand it; please do not comment on others' comments until everyone has had a chance to do initial sharing'

Closing song

Our World Is One World (#134)

Closing words

Sharon Sauter

People's Church: A beloved community embracing and serving our diverse world

Would you be interested in pursuing Marshall Rosenberg's approach of nonviolent communication through a study group or other means? If so please contact Elizabeth (timlizzy50@yahoo.com) or the church office.