

Peace begins with me LMB 2018

Blessed are the Peace Makers for they will be called the children of God

Our beatitude this morning tells us we need to be Peace Makers. A peacemaker is someone who actively goes into a place or situation to help bring resolve to a difficult situation or an area of conflict.

When I was a little girl I used to help keep the peace between two old brothers having an argument. I seem to remember my tactic was to say, "If you don't stop I am going the scream!" This I seem to remember had the desired effect!

In our verse we are told that if we are "peacemakers" we will be called children of God.

To make peace or be peacemakers needs action on all our parts.

Standing up for injustice

Speaking out for the oppressed

Lobbying those in positions of influence to help change a situation

Helping reconcile people who are apart

Holding out a hand to those in need.

Praying for situations beyond our physical reach.

In doing these things we can be like Children of God looking and praying for God to move in every area where we see injustice.

In a moment we are going to sing the song

"Put peace into each other's hands and like a treasure hold it,
protect it like a candle flame, with tenderness enfold it"

As we sing we are going to slowly pass out these little T-lights

When the light gets to you. You might like to pause and say

"Let peace begin with me"

Let us remain seated as we sing.