





**Offertory** "Blest Be the Tie" Naegali

**\*Dedication Song** "Seek Ye First" Red hymnal, 405

**\*Prayer of Dedication**

*Your grace and providence are sufficient for our needs, O God. May we learn to trust in the abundance of your good gifts. Free us to share that abundance with others. As you give, so may we give, graciously and compassionately. In Jesus Christ. Amen.*

**\*Litany of Remembrance** (with the tolling of the bells)

Leader: We remember, lest we forget, the fateful days 63 years ago, when our nation destroyed two cities and annihilated over 270,000 living human beings.

**All: Would that today we knew the things that make for peace. B**

L: We remember, lest we forget, the terrible destructive power and violence latent within us and our willingness to unleash them in the world;

**All: Would that today we knew the things that make for peace. B**

L: We remember, lest we forget, the cost to all life because of our commitment to death;

**All: Would that today we knew the things that make for peace. B**

L: We remember, lest we forget, that we see "peace" while preparing for war, certain that once our "enemies" are vanquished, our future will be secure;

**All: Would that today we knew the things that make for peace. B**

L: We remember, lest we forget, that to seek peace we must love our enemies, we must work for justice, we must build bridges of understanding, we must do unto others as we would have them do unto us.

**All: Would that today we knew the things that make for peace so that truly peace may prevail on earth, among all people everywhere. B**

**Going Forth**

**\*Closing Song** "For the Healing of the Nations" Red hymnal, 428

**\*Blessing**

**\*Blessing Response** "Spirit Song" Red hymnal, 347(refrain)

**\*Postlude** "Sortie" Nordman

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— *From the narration of the film [The Original Child Bomb](#).*