

**GATHERING**

Prelude	<i>Welcome</i>	Rev. James West
Gathering		
Song of Faith		<i>Let There Be Peace on Earth</i>

**ENGAGING**

Prayer of Illumination		
Scripture		Romans 12:9-21   Matthew 5:43-48
Act of Praise	<i>Make Me a Channel of Your Peace</i>	Rev. Jim West
	Message:	
	<i>Fear Bravelly: Enemies</i>	
Questions for Reflection		
Prayer		

**THANKSGIVING**

Prayer		
Offering		
Upcoming		
Song of Faith		<i>Go Forth For God</i>
Blessing		
Postlude	<i>This Is My Father's World</i>	Rev. James West

***Today's alter flowers have been generously provided to honor and celebrate the "Love One Another" bunch, also known as the "Funeral Dinner Ladies."***

## Questions for Reflection

As you reflect on this week's message and continue to meditate upon Matthew 5:43-48 and Romans 12:9-21 ponder these questions. Perhaps you will choose to write about them in a journal or chat with a friend.

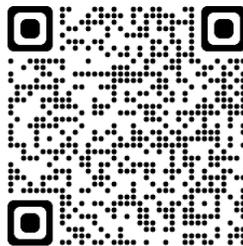
- What is one thing that stood out to you from this week's message?
- What sort of reaction do you have to Jesus's teaching that we love not only our neighbors (which is hard enough) but also enemies?
- In what ways have you been taught to fear, hate, neglect, or attack your enemies, rather than live out of a posture of love toward them?
- Some enemies are too dangerous to love proximally, so Jesus asks us to pray for them. What person or group of people might God be asking you to begin praying for, rather than complain about?
- What role does telling the truth play in loving our enemies? What if we discover that we have become the enemies?
- What small steps can we take to begin loving and praying for our enemies?

## Prayer of the Week

**Holy Jesus, you call me into a life that others have told me is easy, but it is not. You challenge me to forgive, to love my enemies, to bless those who curse me. I want the easy way, but You have given me the hard path. Grant me the patience and endurance to journey with You, to allow myself at times to stumble, to live into the hard way so that I might fully experience Your love, grace and peace in this world, by becoming a person full of love and grace and forgiving others and our congregation a true sanctuary where your love reigns. In Your name I pray. Amen.**

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Prayer of Illumination from a collection of prayers posted on the Worship@North website. <https://northchurhindy.wordpress.com/>

Prayer of the Week adapted from Rev. Mindi. The original prayer is posted on Rev-o-lution at <http://rev-o-lution.org>

Prayer for Loving Our Enemies written by Susan Mark Landis as posted as Enemies aren't lovable (by definition) on Prayers or Enemies at

<http://prayersforenemies.blogspot.ca>

Prayer of Dedication from the Presbyterian Church of Aotearoa New Zealand website. <https://www.presbyterian.org.nz/>