



Living in the Spirit  
◆ **30<sup>th</sup> Sunday Ordinary Time**  
**I Have Found My Peace**

***Call to Prayer and Sharing***

❖ *Invitation to Prayer - Leader*

Let us begin,  
Now, here in this place  
With a moment of silence, to reflect,  
to focus, to be attentive to ourselves,  
to one another, and to the presence of Christ.

May the Lord come and increase our faith. (*reflective pause*)

❖ *Opening Song - If time allows, sing a familiar hymn or song.*

❖ *Then: "In the name of the Father and of the Son . . . ."*

***The Word of God***

❖ *Leader: Let us welcome God's Word into our hearts.*

- *Sing: May the Word be a lamp for our feet and a light to guide our path!*

**From Luke 18: 9-14 ( the tax collector )**

Jesus addressed this parable  
to those who were convinced of their own righteousness and despised everyone else.  
"Two people went up to the temple area to pray;  
one was a Pharisee and the other was a tax collector.  
The Pharisee took up his position and spoke this prayer to himself,  
'O God, I thank you that I am not like the rest of humanity --  
greedy, dishonest, adulterous -- or even like this tax collector.  
I fast twice a week, and I pay tithes on my whole income.'  
But the tax collector stood off at a distance and would not even raise his eyes to heaven  
but beat his breast and prayed, 'O God, be merciful to me a sinner.'  
I tell you, the latter went home justified, not the former;  
for whoever exalts himself will be humbled,  
and the one who humbles himself will be exalted."

The Word of the Lord...

- ❖ *At the conclusion of the reading, briefly pause for quiet reflection.*

***Faith Sharing/Question of the Week*** (*consider sharing on either question*)

- ❖ **Adult:** When do you allow your spouse, children and friends see you as you really are?
- ❖ **Mixed Ages:** When did you show your family and classmates this past week that you loved them?

***For further reflection and discussion***

- ❖ How does this influence and affect what we are doing here at this gathering?

*Time is provided for sharing responses to the question. Silence between responses is to be expected. Allow a few minutes for faith sharing. For larger groups, leader invites members to divide into groups of 3 or 4 for faith sharing.*

- ❖ *When the sharing comes to an end, the leader invites everyone to take a moment to silently and reverently hold what has been shared together.*

### ***Litany of Faith***

**Leader:** Christ Jesus,  
you teach us the way of humility,  
You alone are peace.

**All:** In you, O Lord, I have found my peace.

**Leader:** Christ Jesus, help us to see;  
you show us the way to follow you,  
You alone are peace.

**All:** In you, O Lord, I have found my peace.

**Leader:** Christ Jesus, help us to see;  
you guide us in the way to seek you in our lives,  
You alone are peace.

**All:** In you, O Lord, I have found my peace.

### ***The Lord's Prayer***

**Leader:** Let us pray together:

**All:** Gracious God,  
we know that you are with us here,  
and we have taken your Word into our hearts.  
You call us all to conversion,  
we who are here in this place,  
and we who are now ready to welcome you into our lives.  
We are ready,  
we are willing,  
and we are yours.  
So we surrender to you  
our aches and longings into one as we pray:  
Our Father...

### ***Continue with the Meeting***

#### ***Final Blessing***

**Leader:** Now let us bless one another:

**All:** May God bless and keep us, may God smile upon us.  
May God show us kindness, fill us with peace.  
And may God bless us, Father, Son and Holy Spirit;  
may we always love and serve,  
filled with God's Peace. Amen.

**Leader:** *Conclude the meeting or sing a closing song.*