

Together with the Churches of the World

**2022**  
**Sunday Prayer Worship**  
**for Peaceful Reunification**  
**of the Korean Peninsula**

*“Seek Peace and Pursue It.”*  
*(Psalm 34:14)*

“평화를 이루기까지  
있는 힘을 다하여라”  
(시편 34:14)

*Sunday, August 14th, 2022*



*National Council of Churches in Korea*  
*Reconciliation and Reunification Committee*

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## Goals

“Seek peace, and pursue it.” (Psalm 34:14)

1. To pray, with all the churches of the world, for the reconciliation and healing of the divided Korean Peninsula
2. To overcome the South/North antagonism and conflict by actualizing the spirit of the Panmunjom Declaration and the Pyongyang Declaration
3. To foster an environment which will establish a permanent peace system on the Korean Peninsula by ending war and concluding a Korea peace agreement
4. To create a spirit of cooperation and solidarity among the churches of the world who pray for peace and reunification of the Korean Peninsula as well as for peace in the global village

## Background

1. August 15 is celebrated as Liberation Day in Korea, the day that signifies Korea's liberation from Japanese colonization.
2. In 2013, the WCC 10th General Assembly meeting in Busan, Korea passed a resolution that the churches of the world will annually observe each Sunday prior to August 15 as a “Sunday of Prayer for the Peaceful Reunification of the Korean Peninsula.”
3. The Reconciliation and Reunification Committee of the NCCCK drafted this liturgy in the hopes that each church could apply it with reference to their own situation.
4. The Joint Prayer for the Peaceful Reunification of the Korean Peninsula is usually prepared by both the NCCCK (South) and the Korean Christian Federation (North) together.
5. In 2018 the two leaders from North and South Korea met and adopted the Panmunjom Declaration and the Pyongyang Declaration. In order to fully actualize the spirit of these two declarations, NCCCK declared a People's Korea Peace Agreement and is currently engaged in a global campaign to secure 1 million Christian signatures. Please join this signature campaign with your neighbors, relatives and neighboring communities. Peace is approaching us.

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## Order of Worship

[ Opening Music ] Yehyang, Hyangrin Church Traditional Orchestra  
(Please Stand)

[ Opening Hymn ] Together \* Ososo Ososo

1 O - so - sŏ o - so - sŏ,  
 2 Komm nun, Fürst des Frie - dens, ein'  
 3 Come now, O Prince of peace,

pyŏng - hwa - ũi - im - gŭm u - ri - ga  
 uns zu dei - nem Lei - be, komm, Herr Je - sus,  
 make us one bod - y, come, O Lord

han - mom i - ru - ge ha - so - sŏ.  
 komm, ver - sŏh - ne dir all dein Volk.  
 Je - sus, re - con - cile your peo - ple.

[ Call to Worship ] please read together

"Seek peace and pursue it."

(Please sit down)

[ Ritual of Invocation ] International Korean Community's Hope for Peace and Reunification

## [ Sounding of the Jjing (gong) ]

## [ Sung Prayers ]

### Song of Invocation

Gracious God, loving Jesus,  
In this place where we are gathered,  
In joint worship for peace and reunification,  
On the Korean Peninsula,  
Hear our sincere prayers,  
May your Spirit be with us.



### Trishagion

**1** In the beginning God created the world through God's word,  
And gave us grace and blessing through the breath in us.

**Response: Ah- hae- hae--- Holy God.**

**2** The Word became flesh and dwelt among us,  
The name is Jesus, and he shows us the way of salvation.

**Response: Ah- hae- hae--- Holy Jesus.**

**3** As God's will and Jesus' Word dwells in us,  
The grace of the Holy Spirit is great.

**Response: Ah- hae- hae--- Holy Spirit**

**4** We who are one family in God's grace,  
Loving God and our neighbors as ourselves,  
Eagerly serving each other, may God's Kingdom come.

**Response: Ah- hae- hae--- May God's Kingdom come.**

### History of Faith

As the faith of Abraham was scattered like seeds, we became children of faith.  
As the history of Exodus was scattered, it became the faith of liberation.  
As the shouts of the prophets were scattered, it spread on the Korean Peninsula.  
The cross of Jesus our savior is the model of our faith.

(Continue)

**History** (Continue)

**of Faith**

God of justice, peace, and life,

We pray with our hands, minds, will, and hearts gathered,

Please hear our prayer that your kingdom may come.

### **Prayer of the Day**

(summary: prayers for the pain of the conflict on the Korean Peninsula, for healing, for exchanges, and for reconciliation through God's grace)

### **Psalm 34 Song**

(summary: A song and response based on Psalm 34, deliverance from fears and learning what it means to fear God, avoiding the things of evil.)

## [ Hymn of Worship ] Together \* May the Two Become One

자진 굿거리

Dm F Dm



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1. 마른 뼈 들에게 생 기를 불어 넣어 - 주셨 네  
2. 나무 막 대기를 불 여서 하나 되게 - 하셨 네

Dm F Dm



뼈 와 뼈 들모아 힘 줄을 끈 게 이어 주셨 네  
따로 들 이었던 막 대 기 끈 게 이어 주셨 네

Gm



*mf*

살 불 이 고 가 죽 씨 위  
들 이 서로 하 나 되 게

살 불 이 고 가 죽 씨 위  
들 이 서로 하 나 되 게

Am



주 의 숨 결 힘 - 꺾 불 어 서  
주 의 손 이 불 들 고 있 으 리

주 의 숨 결 힘 - 꺾 불 어 서  
주 의 손 이 불 들 고 있 으 리

## "Seek Peace and Pursue It" (Psalm 34:14)

Dm B<sup>b</sup>maj<sup>7</sup> Dm

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 들 이 하 나 되 게 하 리 라 들 이 하 나 - 되 리 라

Gm G

*mf*

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Dm Dm

*mp*

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 나 뉘 지 않 으 리 헤 어 짐 없 으 리

Dm

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## **Hearing the Word**

[ Prayer of the Day ]

[ Special Song ] Peace be with you \* **Yehyang**

[ Preparing for the Word ]

[ Scripture Reading ] Psalm 37:37

Consider the blameless, observe the upright;  
there is a future for the man of peace. (NIV)

[ Sung Response ] Together \* **Throughout Our Lives We Follow This Word**

Ee malssum ddara sanun dongan,  
Jichiji ankkay hashigo,  
Ee malssum ddara sanun dongan,  
Junim nara eeroo-so-so

[ Sermon ] **Rev. Jeong, Byeong-ju** (NCKK Reconciliation & Reunification Committee Chair)

"there is a future for the man of peace"

[ Janggu Hymn ] Go down from Mountain \* **Traditional Orchestra**







## Sending to the World



### [ Sharing of Peace ]

#### August 15th Joint South-North (North-South) Prayer for Peace & Reconciliation on the Korean Peninsula 2022

+ **로만 카브착** Roman Kavchak 학생

O Lord, how long shall we continue to keep  
the division on the Korean Peninsula?  
When will peace come to the painful and broken land of Korea?  
When will the South and the North lay down the weapons aimed at  
each other, hold each other's hand, and sing a song of peace?  
When will you lift the thick shadow of division?

+ **최소영 목사** (NCCK 여성위원회 위원장)

O Lord, we have been living in pain of division for a long time.  
Following the brotherly Korean War  
with its incalculable number of deaths,  
countless families were separated  
by the war and many people lost their livelihood.  
The forces of the division system are the major stumbling blocks  
in the path toward peace and reunification  
while military tensions are rising  
on the Korean Peninsula in the midst of mistrust.  
Our hearts break when we look at the rusty barbed wire.

+ **이한빛 청년** (세계교회협의회WCC 청년위원회)

O Lord, grant your healing grace  
to those suffering from the wounds of division.  
Help us to stop demonizing each other  
but instead to pursue peace and coexistence.  
Empower us to take down the rusty barbed wire  
and the desires of all who block the way of peace.  
Grant us love that encourages us  
to overcome suspicion and hatred.  
Help us to discover the truth in ourselves t  
hat we can become agents of peace  
and reconciliation through your grace.



+ **롤리 덴싱 카퓨톨란** Lolie Densing Caputolan (서울 디아스포라교회)

O Lord, have mercy on us in your compassion,  
that churches in the North and the South may gladly  
respond to your love in a faithful commitment  
to the journey of peace. Give us the strength  
and resilience to go beyond division  
and work together for peace through dramatic improvement  
and development of inter-Korean relations.  
May we rekindle the hopes  
for peace and reunification on the Korean Peninsula.

+ **김성란 목사** (캐나다연합교회UCC 소속)

O Lord, 77 years of division,  
there shall be no more tears and pain.  
We can no longer be bound in heavy chains of war and conflict.  
We cry to you for help, Lord; may we, your people,  
have open eyes to see and open ears  
to hear your presence among us  
along the journey toward peace  
and reconciliation on the Korean Peninsula.

**In the name of Jesus, the Prince of Peace, we pray. Amen.**



## [ Hymn of Devotion ] Together \* Demilitarized Zone

문익환

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## [ Sharing of Peace ]

Leader God grants us peace not so that we can hide it away in a dark room to keep ourselves comfortable. God grants us peace so that we may share it with all those around us, neighbors near and far. God calls us to take this peace into uncomfortable situations of conflict. It is a peace that passes all understanding. It is a peace more powerful than all machinations of violence. It is a peace that challenges dangerous idolatries. It is a peace that binds us together even across boundaries of conflict. May that peace fill you up until it overflows. May the peace of the Lord be with you.

congregation **And also with you.**

Leader **Now, filled with the transcendent peace of God, reach out and share it with those next to you.**

(Everyone exchanges the sign of peace according to one's own custom.)

[ Blessing ]

[ Sounding of the Jjing (gong) ]



## [ Announcements ]

## [ Music for Sending ] Smulrori \* Christian Art Troupe



## [Announcement ]

\* Please participate in the Korea Peace Appeal Campaign:

<https://endthekoreanwar.net>

If you have used this service liturgy, we thank you. Please send a brief note to Kurt at [kurt.pcusa.nccck@gmail.com](mailto:kurt.pcusa.nccck@gmail.com) so that we will have a record. In addition, the NCCCK welcomes any suggestions for improvement.



**"... peace is the future of all those who are peaceful." (Psalm 37:37)**

Siblings who are devoted to the love, peace and unity that rejoices in God!

As the social activist and thinker, Ham, Seok-hun wrote in his book, "Looking at Korean History through Meaning", God allowed the Korean people an unimaginable joy that they could not even have dreamed about being liberated from Japanese colonization on August 15th 77 years ago. However, upon liberation, the Korean Peninsula was divided into the Republic of Korea (ROK) and the Democratic People's Republic of Korea (DPRK), and the 8.15 Liberation, as it is known, became a liberation of "sadness amidst delight".

The divided Koreas have been heavily armed for nearly 80 years, and the division of the two Koreas, which has moved beyond a mere geographical and political division of the Korean Peninsula, now erodes the shared identity of the Korean people in many ways, including language and social culture.

The economic gap between the two Koreas, along with more than 80 years of hostile relations could be considered a new form of Orientalism similar to what Edward W. Said called, "the way the West treats the East," and this is also evident in the settlement process of North Korean defectors in South Korea,

Now, the South and the North must overcome this wall of division to restore the long-broken shared identity and true familial sense of the Korean people.

Over the past 80 years, the separation of the two Koreas has brought about many changes and we can see significant differences between us. The social, economic, and political conditions and environments of South Korea and North Korea have changed too much to be one in the same way it used to be in the past when we were 'on one-side, for one-side, and of one-side'.

Now, the South and the North need to engage in mutual exchanges, harmonize, and strive with the creative wisdom (James 3:17) given by the God of Peace to become partners in a love for our people and faith toward peace, and we must start a new journey of history. South and North Korea should form a mutual relationship that helps each other to settle hostile relations, take care of each other's vulnerabilities and give joy to each other (Roman 15:1-2).

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As if the pain and wounds of division were not enough, the South and the North fought desperately like enemies for three years from June 25, 1950, and created 10 million separated families as well as countless casualties and damage to properties. Even now, the remains of young soldiers are being excavated throughout the mountains in areas that held fierce battles. What's even more regrettable is that the tragic war has not ended, as it has merely been suspended for 69 years based on the conditions of the armistice signed on July 27, 1953.

To overcome this unfortunate reality, as reported, 370 civil society organizations, including the seven major Korean religious groups in solidarity, held an event for the "Korea Peace Appeal (KPA)" in January this year. With the slogan, "Let's end the Korean War before the 70th anniversary of the armistice agreement," we held a New Year's press conference at Cheonggye Plaza in Seoul and appealed for ending the Korean War by 2023, the 70th anniversary of the armistice.

John F. Kennedy said, "[Hu]mankind must put an end to war, or war will put an end to [hu]mankind." There should be no more war on the Korean Peninsula. Like the Korean War in 1950, the tragedy of God's people wandering as refugees should not be repeated. A conventional war, as well as a war using nuclear weapons or military forces that could put the two Koreas on the brink of mutual-destruction, should not take place at all on this land. South Korea and North Korea must beat their swords into plowshares, and their spears into pruning hooks, and they must never pick up a sword and strike each other again, and they must no longer repeat war practices (Micah 4:3).

South and North Korea must now realize that any further fighting and confrontation between the two Koreas is meaningless. We must break away from the idea that we can become one through war as before. We must end the danger of war on the Korean Peninsula. We must extract ourselves from the folly of devoting enormous economic resources into preparation for war. Ideologies and preparations for wars like in the past are losing their meaning. South and North Korea are no longer objects of hatred, of revolution, of unification. The two Koreas should be partners for a new peace and a new future as one. The two Koreas must go beyond a passive peace and embark on the path of holistic peace through an active peace.



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Jesus, in whom we believe and follow, came to give peace to the people of this land (Luke 2:14). We should be “apostles and workers for peace“, calling for peace and following Jesus, who came as the “King of Peace“ giving peace to humankind and to this chaotic world where it is difficult to find true rest. Instead of joining with the ranks that promote conflict and division and sympathizing with the foolish, we should shout out the love of Jesus and walk the path of true disciples who realize the spirit of peace. With the heart of Jeremiah, who shed constant tears at the grave wounds of the people of Israel (Jeremiah 14:17), and the heart of Jesus, who shed tears while watching the coming crisis of Jerusalem's ignorance and state of affairs (Luke 19:41-42), we must confront the wounds and pain of the Korean Peninsula that has faced 80 years of division. The Holy Spirit seeks peace (Gal 5:22). We must cross over this iron wall of division carrying the news of peace in our hearts in which God rejoices (Isaiah 52:7).

The COVID-19 pandemic, which began at the beginning of 2020, is teaching humankind to choose different thoughts, actions, and new paths from what we took in the past. In the face of a new global disaster, we must move beyond borders, ideologies, and skin color. We are God's people, and we must be 'one' (Gal 3:28).

To end more than 80 years of conflict and division, South Korea and North Korea must resume their interrupted dialogue without any preconditions and spend time meeting again. For the development of a new history of peace, those of us who are believers should take the lead, as we should be paying more attention to the goal of peace on the Korean Peninsula and permanent peace than any civil society group or politician. Those who seek faith and peace should not be in charge of the other party (2 Cor. 1:24), but should devote themselves to becoming one and restoring the peace in which God rejoices.

I remember Rev. Choi Chun-sun, who went barefoot through the subway stations and trains and shouted about spreading the gospel and inter-Korean unification for nearly 30 years since the 1970s. Rev. Choi Chun-sun, who also campaigned for independence during the Japanese colonial period, expressed his regret over the division of the Korean Peninsula and said, "When the two Koreas reunify, I will wear them [shoes]," and went barefoot even in the cold winter. Rev. Choi Chun-sun, who aspired for the two Koreas to become one, always shouted, "remove the 38th parallel," and, "why two Koreas?".

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The liberation in a divided Korean Peninsula is an unfinished celebration and a half-liberation. It will be a complete liberation when the two Koreas become a new one. Celebrating the 77th anniversary of Korea's liberation from Japanese colonial rule on August 15th, God's people must pray and strive to lead us in a new direction in history for an end to conflict on the Korean Peninsula, peace, and a new unity.

Like St. Francis' Prayer of Peace, we should be the people who make a new history of unity and peace between the two Koreas. People of faith who dream of a "new history" on the Korean Peninsula should be those who enlighten, heal, and give true freedom, liberation, peace, and great joy to a newly united Korean Peninsula (Acts 8:7-8).

“And a harvest of righteousness is sown in peace  
for those who make peace.” James 3:18

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Help us to discover the truth in ourselves that we can become agents of peace and reconciliation through your grace.

## [ Prayer ]

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