

Need a suggested “path” through the entire event for those who cannot walk a lot.

### **Fifth Sunday Closing Hour**

Preparation:

- \_\_\_\_\_ # Ushers needed (mission centers willing to recruit)
  - pre-event meeting/training at least one hour before start
  - active ushering at the session’s beginning and end (part of which is outside)
  - distribute bulletins
  - receive DGR
- Insert evaluation form in bulletin or hand out at entrance, collection box on Temple foyer desk; available post-event on Web site.
- Candle and candlelighter for Prayer for Peace
- Rostrum set up (microphones, peace candle, podium, place for musicians, dancer, art work from Art and the Word session)

**5:00-5:30**

#### **Journey to the Sanctuary**

Recording audio-video responses: “Why did you come to the Temple?” (spontaneous)

Worshiper’s Path (with “Find Fire” actors acting as hosts)  
Ikebana (fire-like)

Everyone should enter the session here

Music: Marimba by the “living water” (Jon Donald)

Soft music playing in Sanctuary (Thom Greathouse)

**5:30**

#### **Prayer for Peace** (*Rostrum: peace candle; earth-ball visual; three banners with spiral with cross overlay; separate banners with fire overlay*)

Coordinator *Nadine Stallbaumer*

Call to prayer (3x3 chimes)

Lighting of peace candle *Rick Maupin*

Welcome/invitation *Dale Luffman*

Welcome to this sacred place. Each day in this Temple, dedicated to the pursuit of peace, we pray to God for peace in our world.

2009 is the International Year of Reconciliation. The world has many places where reconciliation needs to occur—our lives, our homes, our communities, our churches, within and between countries. Reconciliation is more than the absence of peace, and it is not easy. It is a willingness to come together to achieve common goals that bring wholeness and healing to all.

We come here today with many differing needs, many unique strengths, but with one common desire: to become more effective in our service in God's cause.

Scripture reading: Acts 2:43–47 *Dale and Rick*

*Dale:* Our scripture reading for today comes from Acts 2, our focus scripture, verses 43–47.

*Rick:* Awe came upon everyone, because many wonders and signs were being done by the apostles. All who believed were together and had all things in common; they would sell their possessions and goods and distribute the proceeds to all, as any had need.

*Dale:* Day by day, as they spent much time together in the temple, they broke bread at home and ate their food with glad and generous hearts, praising God and having the goodwill of all the people. And day by day the Lord added to their number those who were being saved.

Prayer for Peace (adapted from Guy Stewart of Independence, Missouri)

Reader: *Kat Hnatyshyn*

*Spoken instruction:* As we join in our prayer for peace today, there will be a place where we want you to speak the country or condition you wish to hold up in prayer. Let us pray.

Creator God, as we worship this day in this Temple, form us into one body, joined by one spirit, and united in praise to one Lord, and in that unity, may we be blessed in the spirit of worship and praise.

On the day of Pentecost, your Spirit came with the sound of a mighty wind and the appearance of tongues of fire to fill the people with grace and power. Throughout the ages, your Spirit has moved to touch the lives of your children and to prepare them for witness and service.

On the day of Pentecost, the Holy Spirit filled all who gathered, and divisions were set aside. The church was gathered into being.

Thank you for the church in whose communion we may discover a vitality of faith, a commitment to serve, a joy to celebrate.

On this day and in this place, we come before you, praying for all people as they work toward reconciliation. At this time we speak out loud the conditions and countries that we hold on our hearts: (*motion for people to speak out loud their country/condition.*)



Prayer of Generosity

*Presider*

*Two baskets are passed; one to receive offerings,  
the other to have people take an electronic tea light.*

2. *Presider:* Peace Prayer Promise—a way to “Kindle the Fire!” Second concrete response: Let us promise today that each day we will pause and pray for peace. You can use the prayer on the church’s Web site or create your own—just promise today to start this daily discipline.
3. *Don McLaughlin:* As a sign of your promise to pray for peace, light your candle and hold it high. Repeat after me: (Cheer) “Kindle the Fire!”

Sending Forth

*Presider:* Presidents of mission in Community of Christ, stand and challenge the disciples you shepherd to go forward into the world, loving and serving in the name of Christ.

- 1) Central mission president
- 2) Central Missouri mission president
- 3) Midlands mission president
- 4) Far West mission president

*Example of MCP statement: “Stand Central Mission. Breathe Spirit. Allow the winds of God to fan the flame within your soul until you are melted and formed into Christ’s image of compassion and service.”*

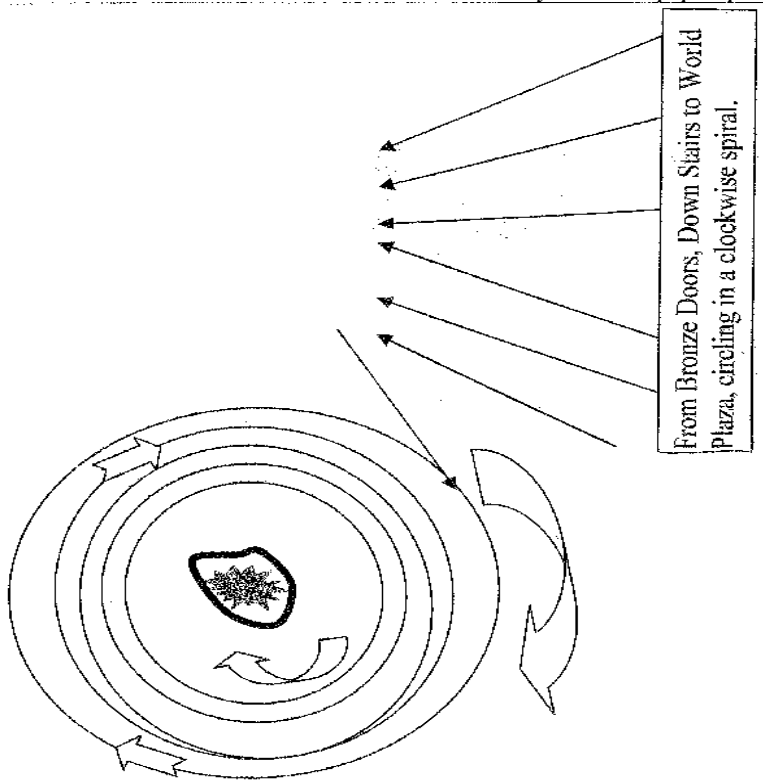
Directions for exiting and next activity

*Presider:* (mention completing evaluation forms and leaving in the boxes in the Temple foyer.) Please continue to worship quietly as you arise and leave promptly from the rear of the sanctuary on your way to the World Plaza. Notice God’s many faces as you pass by one another. Merge and flow and follow one another in a great exodus to the world, effortlessly walking to the rhythm of music you hear, taking comfort in the blessing and gaze of Jesus as you go through the bronze peace doors.

Allow the ushers to direct you if in doubt. Go down the stairs outside and form the largest circle possible, walking clockwise around the fire blazing in the center. Continue to spiral toward the center as more arrive from inside until all have a place around the fire for our final declaration of

yielding to the Spirit of Pentecost, the Spirit of God—a fire burning in each of us.

*Exit rear—(Jerry Niefert to organize) hallway has electric fans with “fire” streamers; out bronze doors; outside conga drums keep a beat for the activity (11:00 percussion class—Jon Donald); stay connected and follow leader (conga line-like); Ushers and mission center staff help with this activity and keep people moving*



**6:25**

**World Plaza: Kindle the Fire!**

*(fire pit in the center; need portable PA on upper path to rooftop garden; turn off outdoor sprinklers for the event)*

Repeat Cheer—"Kindle the Fire" *Don McLaughlin*

Song: "The Spirit of God Like a Fire Is Burning" (Guitar group organized by Rob Borkowski)

Finale: And all God's people said, "Amen." *Don McLaughlin*

**6:30**

**End**