

## Opening Devotion

Leader : Rev. Jeong Sang-Si

### Invitation to Worship

**Leader:** May the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

**Congregation:** And also with you.

**Leader:** The God who created the heavens and the earth, the mountains and rivers, the fields and valleys; the God who set the boundaries of the universe long before nations created arbitrary borders, has come before us to this place. Let us worship our God with humility and reverence.

**All:** Amen.

### Opening Hymn

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Komm nun, Fürst / Come now, O Prince Korea

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

pyōng - hwa - ūi - im - gūm u - si - 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 - so.  
komm, ver - söh - ne dir all dein Volk.  
Je - sus, re - con - cile your peo - ple.

**Reality of Division, Korean Church and the Ecumenical Movement:**

Video Presentation

**Scripture Reading:**

Matthew 20:1-14

Mr. Nam Ki Pyung

**Biblical Reflection:** Dr. Lee Un-Sunn

### Prayer for Peaceful Reunification of the Korean Peninsula:

**Korean Participants:** Lord of Comfort! It's been 70 years since we were divided. Although the Jews, who were taken captive to Babylon, returned to their home freely as prophesied; we are living without embracing the hope of Reunification that we had expected would come soon. Now all land routes, railroads and seaways are blocked despite having traveled them more freely under Japanese colonial era. We live in nothing but an unfree situation in which bugs, animals, seeds, and the fruit of trees also are confined in South and North / North and South. Oh Lord, let the liberation of that day live in our hearts again. Let us prepare our song in a chorus of reunification from all over the world.

**Response:** "O God, hear our prayer, O God, hear our prayer, When we call, answer us. O God,

hear our prayer, O God, hear our prayer, Come and listen to us.

**German Participants:** Lord of Peace! Like the unchanging sky and land, strong nations surrounding this land have been continually pressuring us, the same as it had ever been, for 70 years. We, sometimes, expected them to come in the role of a mediator of peace, however, militarily and economically they have considered their own advantage first. Recently a military alliance between the US and Japan has been strengthened, and an alliance between China and Russia has stabilized. They fan the flame of crisis by perpetually competing in an arms race by promoting exclusive military cooperation agreements. The way that our people can survive by ourselves is to hold exchanges, to communicate with each other, and to be reconciled, cooperating together; however, we are foolishly reinforcing our dividing wall even more. Oh Lord, change our minds and help us to repent of our sin.

**Response:** "O God, hear our prayer, O God, hear our prayer, When we call, answer us. O God, hear our prayer, O God, hear our prayer, Come and listen to us.

**The US Participants:** Lord of Mercy! Waiting for 70 years, we hope the complete peace of the Lord will be manifest in this world. We eagerly wish that our history of conflict and fighting which has been recurring for 70 years will soon be over. Brother and sister shared one same blood; our people, who (traditionally) wore the white garments, expect to recover our high dignity through beautiful union and peaceful reunification in East Asia and the world. We are dreaming that news of reconciliation will ripple through the East Sea and South Sea all around us, and that the news of peace be a great wind gusting out to Eurasia passing over Mt. Baekdu and to the Pacific Ocean passing over Jeju Island. Oh Lord, please fulfill our hopes without fail.

Response: "O God, hear our prayer, O God, hear our prayer, When we call, answer us. O God, hear our prayer, O God, hear our prayer, Come and listen to us.

**All Together:** Lord who makes one! At this moment when South and North / North and South are praying for reunification with one heart, make us into apostles of peace. Just like Jesus' disciples, who became messengers of reconciliation after overcoming all fear, let all of us who were called as Christians be able to fulfill the duties of "the ministry of reconciliation". We pray in Jesus name, the one who achieved victory over death on the Cross, was resurrected, and gave us eternal life. Amen (quote from "2015 Joint Prayer for the peaceful reunification of the Korean Peninsula").

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**Closing:** Lord's Prayer