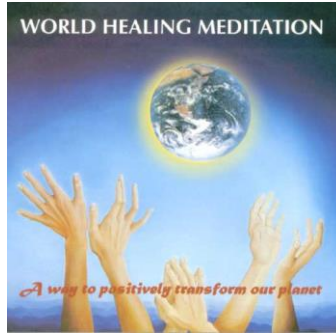


Fort Collins Observance of the 38th Annual
International Hour For Peace

Sunday, December 31st, 2023, 5:00 - 6:30 a.m.

Joining millions of
people all over the
planet to create world
peace and inner peace
for 2024



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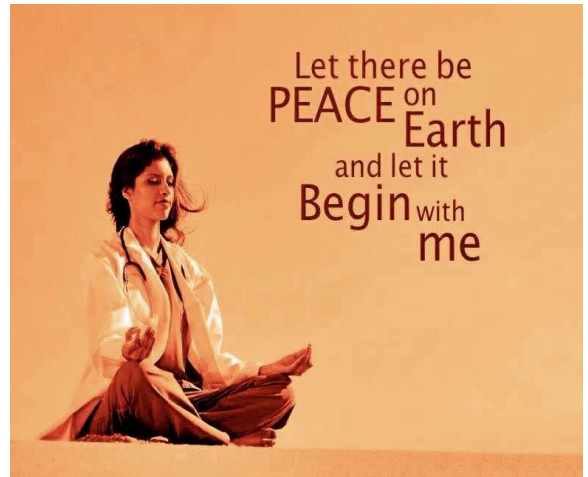
Peace Begins With Me

Manifesting Personal Peace & Empowerment



Original artwork courtesy of Ron Radhoff, 2012

I was afraid of the dark until
I learned that I am Light!
And the dark is afraid of me!



 [International Hour For Peace NoCo](https://www.facebook.com/InternationalHourForPeaceNoCo)
www.HourForPeace.org

*Please enter quietly and turn off cell phones and pagers.
Babies and young children are welcome in the back.
This event is being live streamed.*

HISTORY OF THE HOUR FOR PEACE

www.Quartus.org/WorldHealingDay.html

The December 31st International Hour For Peace, also known as World Healing Day and World Peace Day, is a global effort launched in 1986 by John Randolph Price and the Quartus Foundation. It was established to offer people all over the world an opportunity to gather together for peace, love, forgiveness, and understanding through a simultaneous global mind-link at noon Greenwich Mean Time on December 31st of each year. Based on the Quantum Physics theory that thought and prayer can direct energy and thus create reality, the event is designed to break down walls of separation and synchronistically join billions of people around the world in silence and meditation, prayer, music, readings, dialogue, dance, art, and other ways to create lasting peace on Earth.

A correspondent from Italy wrote, "This is our 'Super Bowl', and we plan for it just like families and friends in your country anticipate coming together in their homes to watch that media event in January. The victory we see, however, is not one-sided. The prize is peace for all people."

The Hour For Peace has been an integral part of Fort Collins New Years celebrations every one of the 38 years since its inception in 1986. Since 2013, there's been a "sister event" in Loveland. Participation is a way for area residents to join billions of people all over our planet to focus on world peace and inner peace for the coming year. When many minds join together with the intention of creating peace in the hearts of all people on earth, world peace happens! As Margaret Mead stated, "Never doubt that a small group of thoughtful citizens can change the world. Indeed, it's the only thing that ever has."

Unity Hour For Peace Program Coordinator: Jay T. Slovic, MEd

Unity Hosts:

Rev. James Yeaw, Rev. Sharon Bush, Leane Gable, Suzanne Carter

Ushers: David Johnson, Jim Weimar, Ginny Hout,
JoEllen Fulton, Dennis Gibson, Francly Lamb

Music: Elise Wunder **Overhead Technician:** Gerald Gates

Sound/Light Technician: Richard Ricchiuti

Hour For Peace NoCo Area Coordinator: Rev. Dr. Victoria Gardner

"The Peace Song" aka "Let There Be Peace On Earth"

By Jill Jackson Miller and Sy Miller, 1955

Original 1955 Version

Let there be peace on earth, and let it begin with me.
Let there be peace on earth, the peace that was meant to be.
With God as our Father, brothers all are we.
Let me walk with my brother in perfect harmony.
Let peace begin with me; let this be the moment now.
With every step I take, let this be my solemn vow:
To take each moment and live each moment in peace eternally.
Let there be peace on earth and let it begin with me.

One of several versions sung at the Hour For Peace the past 38 years.

Let there be peace on earth, and let it begin with me.
Let there be peace on earth, the peace that is meant to be.
With Love as our Power, Family all are we.
Let us walk with each other in perfect harmony.
As peace begins with me, let this be the moment now.
With every step I take, let this be my joyous vow:
To take each moment and live each moment in peace eternally.
Let there be peace on earth and let it begin with me. Oh,
Let there be peace on earth and let it begin . . . with me.

Prayer of St. Francis of Assisi Lyrics

Make me an instrument of Your peace. Where there is hatred let me sow love.
Where there is injury, let me bring pardon. Where there is doubt, let me sow faith.

Make me an instrument of Your peace. Where there's despair, let me bring hope.
Where there is darkness, let me bring light; where there's sadness, let me bring joy.

Oh, grant me, Lord, that I may never seek so much to be consoled as to console,
To be understood as to understand, to be loved as to love with all my soul.

Make me an instrument of Your peace, for it's in giving that we receive.
It is in pardoning that we are pardoned, and in dying we are born to eternal life.

Make me an instrument of your peace.

Order of Service

Experience:

Peacemaker(s):

Prelude:	Elise Wunder
“The Peace Song”	Elise Wunder
Welcome & Announcements Multi-Faith Altar	Jay Slovick, Unity Hour For Peace Coordinator
“The Great Invocation”	Camina Sylvestro and Dominick Antonelli
Music “Deep Peace” by Donovan	Elise Wunder
Pre-Meditation	Carol Skylark and Michael Steven <i>Calming our Energies and bringing them into UNISON</i>
3 minutes of Silent Meditation	All. <i>Then all who wish, please read aloud.</i> Led By Rev. Sharon Bush and Rev. James Yeaw

John Randolph Price World Healing Meditation

In the beginning In the beginning God.

In the beginning God created the heaven and the earth.

And God said, “Let there be light!” And there was light.

Now is the time of the new beginning.

*I am a co-creator with God, and it is a new Heaven that comes,
as the Good Will of God is expressed on Earth through me.*

It is the Kingdom of Light, Love, Peace and Understanding.

And I am doing my part to reveal its Reality.

I begin with me.

I am a living Soul and the Spirit of God dwells in me, as me.

I and the Father are one, and all that the Father has is mine.

In Truth, I am the Christ of God.

What is true of me is true of everyone, for God is all and all is God.

I see only the Spirit of God in every Soul.

And to every man, woman and child on Earth I say:

I love you, for you are me. You are my Holy Self.

3 minutes of Meditation

All. Accompanied by Elise Wunder on Flute

All who wish, please read aloud.

I now open my heart, and let the pure essence of Unconditional Love pour out.

*I see it as a Golden Light radiating from the center of my being,
and I feel its Divine Vibration in and through me, above and below me.*

I am one with the Light. I am filled with the Light.

I am illumined by the Light. I am the Light of the world.

With purpose of mind, I send forth the Light.

I let the radiance go before me to join the other Lights.

I know this is happening all over the world at this moment.

I see the merging Lights. There is now one Light.

We are the Light of the world.

The one Light of Love, Peace and Understanding is moving.

It flows across the face of the Earth,

Touching and illuminating every soul in the shadow of the illusion.

And where there was darkness, there is now the Light of Reality.

3 minutes of Meditation

All. Accompanied by Elise Wunder on Flute

All who wish, please read aloud.

And the Radiance grows, permeating, saturating every form of life.

There is only the vibration of one Perfect Life now.

All the kingdoms of the Earth respond, and the Planet is alive with Light and Love.

There is total Oneness, and in this Oneness we speak the Word.

Let the sense of separation be dissolved.

Let mankind be returned to Godkind. Let peace come forth in every mind.

Let Love flow forth from every heart. Let forgiveness reign in every soul.

Let understanding be the common bond.

And now from the Light of the world,

the One Presence and Power of the Universe responds.

The Activity of God is healing and harmonizing Planet Earth.

Omnipotence is made manifest.

I am seeing the salvation of the Planet before my very eyes,

as all false beliefs and error patterns are dissolved.

The sense of separation is no more;

the healing has taken place, and the world is restored to sanity.

*This is the beginning of Peace on Earth and Good Will toward all,
as Love flows forth from every heart, forgiveness reigns in every soul,*

and all hearts and minds are one in perfect understanding.

It is done. And it is so!

Experience:	Peacemaker(s):
3 minutes of Silent Meditation	All
Post Meditation	Carol Skylark and Michael Steven <i>Coming back from the meditation and ARISING strong and joyous.</i>
Greet Your Fellow Peacemakers! <i>Passing of the Peace.</i>	All. Stand and move about as you are able.
Legislative Activities, Peace Poles and Tribute to Father Don	John Kefalas, Larimer County Commissioner, and former Colorado State Legislator
Speaker	David Stallings, Baha'i Community
"Prayer of St Francis of Assisi" By Sebastian Temple	Elise Wunder
"Where True Power Lies" and Tribute to George Bishop	Christinia Eala, Lakota Tribal Elder, Holy Woman, and Water Protector
Blessing of the Offering	All, led Rev. James Yeaw Unity Prosperity Blessing: <i>"Divine Love, through me, blesses and multiplies all that I am, all that I give, and all that I receive. Thank You, God!"</i>
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Offertory	Elise Wunder <i>"Hymn of Healing" by Beautiful Chorus "I am a radiant being of light and healing. I feel peace, I am safe, I heal from a whole place."</i>
Peace Poetry & Activism	Paul Gessler, Veterans For Peace NoCo Founder, Peace Fellowship, and "Back From the Brink"
Closing Announcements	Jay Slovick
Benediction	Rev. Sharon Bush
"The Peace Song" (p. 2)	All, Led by Elise Wunder

***Please linger and enjoy coffee, conversation, connection, and community.**

***Please visit our information tables for more about local peace, faith and humanitarian organizations and activities so you can practice and create peace in our world all year long!**

***Please take selfies at Unity's Peace Pole and post on social media.**

The 2023 Hour For Peace was made possible by the following individuals and organizations. We are deeply grateful for their loving contributions!

"Blessed are the Peacemakers, for they shall be called the Children of God." Matthew 5:9

Rev. Dr. Victoria A. Gardner – Area Coordinator, Treasurer, Flyers, Publicity, Programs, Website, Facebook Page, Loveland Host. Dr. Vickie is a Spiritual & Health Psychologist, Educator, Author, Grief Counselor, Interfaith Chaplain & Music Minister, Musician, Singer & Songwriter. 970 227-1539, DrVickie@att.net

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Rev. James Yeaw, MS, DD, and Rev. Sharon Bush - Spiritual Leaders and Event Hosts, Unity of Fort Collins. 970 482-1620, 1401 W Vine Dr., Ft Collins, www.unityfc.org

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Michael Steven – Pre & Post Meditation. Expert sound healer and master of the Hand Pan Drum and Tibetan Bowls. Massage therapist. 402 580-1789.

Leane Gabel – Event Host, Coffee Bar, Offering Treasurer. Leane is a longtime Unity member, passionate about volunteering here and at Habitat for Humanity.

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Paul Gessler - Speaker. 970 490-1527, paulpuma507@gmail.com; He founded the local chapter of Veterans For Peace in 2013, www.veteransforpeace.org. In 1981, he was part of the Walk to Moscow, a grassroots peace walk across the country. “Peace work is a transformative journey of awakening.” Through “Peace Fellowship” and “Back from the Brink” (BftBr), Paul is leading seminars at public libraries on nuclear weapons abolition.

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John Kefalas - Speaker, Father Don Tribute. Larimer County Commissioner and former Colorado State Legislator. jkefalashd52@frii.com; <https://www.larimer.gov/elected-officials/john-kefalas>

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The 2023 Hour For Peace NoCo is dedicated to our beloved Father Don Willette who found Eternal Peace May 25th at 82 and Peacemaker George Bishop who joined him November 26th at 69. Father Don hosted the Fort Collins Hour For Peace at St. John XXIII from 2006 through 2011, and graciously welcomed peacemakers from all faiths. A Mohawk with Bear Energy, George shared his spirituality and helped with the event many years. See their memorials on our website, www.HourForPeace.org



Father Don

(left)

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George Bishop

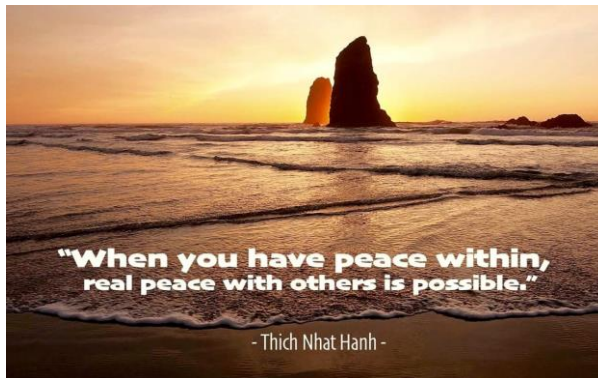
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