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Scholar Peter C. Phan strongly recommends Pierre Hegy's book, *Worship as Community Drama*, especially to pastors and seminarians, saying, "Nothing less than the survival of the church is at stake." [Read his review.](#)

Sue Stanton: "Knitting has taught me about peace, the kind of peace that is intangible, but more real than a 20-foot-high concrete wall in Palestine, covered in the graffiti of despair and rage." [Read more.](#)

Conversely: We stand at the brink of war, and no one is exactly sure why. [Read Michael Sean Winter's take.](#)

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