

Choral Call to Worship — Rise Up, O Men of God  
Kenneth Jennings, arranger

Word of the Day:  
Pray

Welcome

Memory Verse:  
Our Father, who  
is in heaven,  
Holy is Your name.  
— Matthew 6:9

# OUR FATHER WHO ART IN HEAVEN HALLOWED BE THY NAME

## The Lord's Prayer

Find the Prayer Cross  
in your worship kit.  
The cord has five knots,  
and there are five parts  
to the prayer Jesus  
taught his friends.  
Hold each knot  
between your thumb  
and forefinger as you  
say the different  
parts of the prayer.

Our Father, who art in heaven,  
hallowed be Thy name.

Thy kingdom come, Thy will be  
done on earth as it is in heaven.

Give us this day our daily bread.

And forgive us our trespasses,  
as we forgive those who  
trespass against us.

And lead us not into temptation,  
but deliver us from evil.

For Thine is the kingdom,  
and the power,  
and the glory, forever.  
Amen.

## \*Call to Worship

Let us worship the name of the Lord, our God!  
**Holy is Your name, O God.**  
The voice of God creates all things,  
nothing exists without the creative power of the Lord.  
**Holy is Your name, O God.**  
May God give strength to all who gather here today,  
that in all we say and do, we would honor God's ways  
and God's purposes.  
**Holy is Your name, O God.**

Many years  
after Jesus went  
to heaven, the  
early church  
added this part  
of the prayer.  
Hold the prayer  
cross close to  
your heart as  
you say this part.



## \*Hymn 64 – Holy, Holy, Holy

Holy, holy, holy! Lord God Almighty!  
Early in the morning our song shall rise to thee.  
Holy, holy, holy! Merciful and mighty,  
God in three persons, blessed Trinity!

Holy, holy, holy! All the saints adore thee,  
casting down their golden crowns around the glassy sea;  
cherubim and seraphim falling down before thee,  
which wert, and art, and evermore shalt be.

Holy, holy, holy! Though the darkness hide thee,  
though the eye of sinful man thy glory may not see,  
only thou art holy; there is none beside thee,  
perfect in power, in love and purity.

Holy, holy, holy! Lord God Almighty!  
All thy works shall praise thy name, in earth and sky and sea.  
Holy, holy, holy! Merciful and mighty,  
God in three persons, blessed Trinity.

## \*Affirmation of Faith

(a companion liturgy to Our Social Creed, The United Methodist Church)

God cares for the integrity of creation,  
wills the healing and wholeness of all life,  
weeps at the plunder of earth's goodness.  
**And so shall we.**

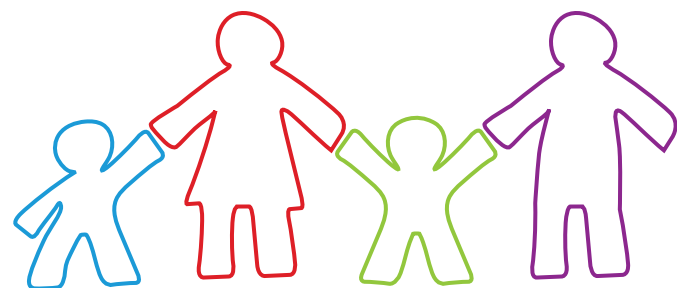
God embraces all hues of humanity,  
delights in diversity and difference,  
favors solidarity transforming strangers into friends.  
**And so shall we.**

God cries with the masses of starving people,  
despises growing disparity between rich and poor,  
demands justice for workers in the marketplace.  
**And so shall we.**

God deplores violence in our homes and streets,  
rebukes the world's warring madness,  
humbles the powerful and lifts up the lowly.  
**And so shall we.**

God calls for nations and peoples to live in people,  
celebrates where justice and mercy embrace,  
exults when the wolf grazes with the lamb.  
**And so shall we.**

God brings good news to the poor,  
proclaims release to the captives,  
gives sight to the blind,  
and sets the oppressed free.  
**And so shall we.**



"wert" and "art"  
are just older  
versions of the  
words were  
and are.

Jesus prayed  
that the will of  
God be done not  
just in heaven,  
but on earth too.  
That means we  
have to do  
our part.

## \*Gloria Patri

Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost;



As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end.  
Amen. Amen.

*Please be seated. Ushers will assist in seating at this time.*

Special Music – Sing to the Lord  
Paul Basler, composer

Ministry Moment

*\*Ushers will pass out the attendance pads at this time.*

Faith Like a Child

## \*Passing the Peace

# GIVE US THIS DAY OUR DAILY BREAD

## \*Hymn 496 – Sweet Hour of Prayer

Sweet hour of prayer! sweet hour of prayer!  
that calls me from a world of care,  
and bids me at my Father's throne  
make all my wants and wishes known.  
In seasons of distress and grief,  
my soul has often found relief,  
and oft escaped the tempter's snare  
by thy return, sweet hour of prayer!

Sweet hour of prayer! sweet hour of prayer!  
the joys I feel, the bliss I share  
of those whose anxious spirits burn  
with strong desires for thy return!  
With such I hasten to the place  
where God my Savior shows his face,  
and gladly take my station there,  
and wait for thee, sweet hour of prayer!

Sweet hour of prayer! sweet hour of prayer!  
thy wings shall my petition bear  
to him whose truth and faithfulness  
engage the waiting soul to bless.  
And since he bids me seek his face,  
believe his word, and trust his grace,  
I'll cast on him my every care,  
and wait for thee, sweet hour of prayer!

Scripture – Matthew 6:5-13

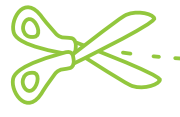
God speaks to us through the reading of scripture.  
Thanks be to God.

Gloria Patri  
means "Glory  
to the Father."  
This short hymn  
of praise has  
been sung by  
Christians for  
many centuries.

Scripture:  
Each week we  
read from the  
Bible – the book  
of God's love. Its  
words can inspire  
you, comfort you,  
teach you, and  
challenge you to  
be your best  
self – a true  
servant of God.

You can listen as  
the scripture is  
read, or...  
Find a Bible  
nearby, look up  
the scripture, and  
follow along.

Sermon Snips:  
You don't have to "just sit there." Choose one of the sermon snips and let it guide you as you take your relationship with God to the next level.



# How We Should Pray

MOST SERMONS CONTAIN A SERIES OF STORIES. NUMBER EACH STORY AND DRAW AN EMOJI FOR HOW THAT STORY MADE YOU FEEL.



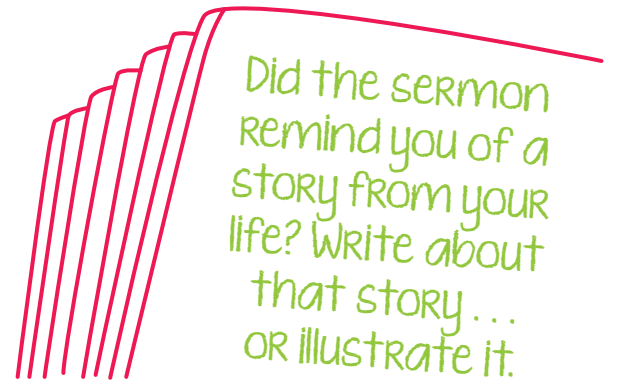
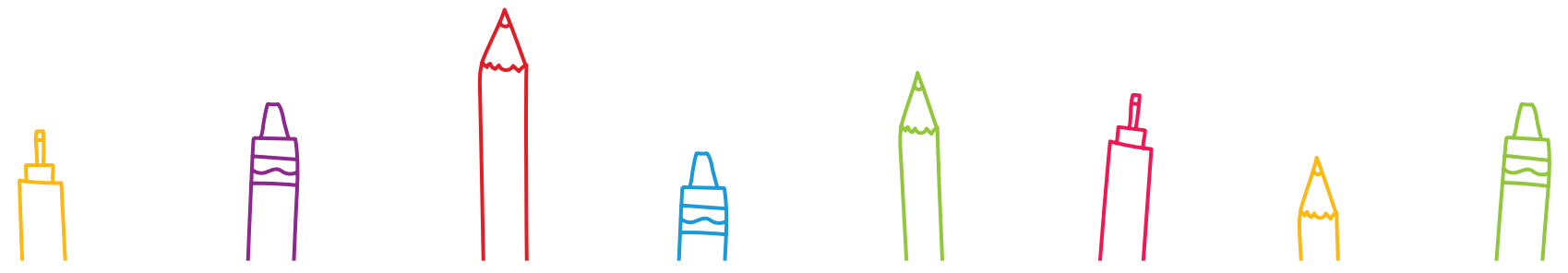
If the sermon is about a Bible hero, think of the person in your life who is most like that hero. Write about that person, or make an illustration.



Did you just hear something you disagree with? Argue about it.

Listen. What is something you hear that gives you a sense of wonder? Of peace? Of hope?

Did the sermon remind you of a story from your life? Write about that story... or illustrate it.





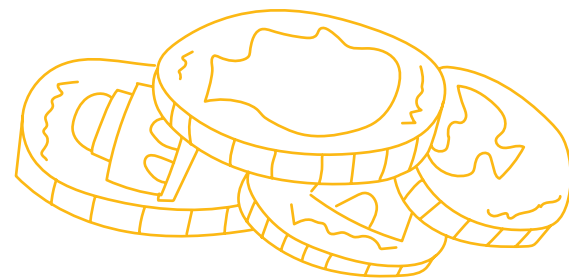
Special Music — The Lord's Prayer  
Albert Hay Malotte, composer

A Time of Giving

Offertory — Intermezzo (Op. 35, No. 11)  
Reinhold Glière, composer

\*Doxology

Praise God from whom all blessings flow.  
Praise God, all creatures here below.  
Praise God above ye heavenly host.  
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.



## AND FORGIVE US OUR TRESPASSES AS WE FORGIVE THOSE WHO TRESPASS AGAINST US

Prayer of Confession

God, You created the universe with a shout of joy, gave life to the all the creatures of the earth, filled the oceans with living things, made the galaxies alive with shooting stars and dancing, and sapphire blue planets. You blessed all the children of the earth- in every shape and size, every color and complexion and personality. You created all that is full of wonder!

**But we ceased to be in awe. We polluted the skies and the oceans, turned playgrounds into battlefields, hospitals into death camps, and children into killers. Forgive us, we pray.**

God, You gave us Jesus and showed us the way of abundant life. You called us to be Your people who would bring blessing to this world; seeking justice for those without voice, healing in all that is broken, compassion for all who suffer.

**But we ceased to hear Your call, preferring to go our own way. We wanted to be in charge and believed our ways to be superior to Your ways. We have continued to destroy. Forgive us we pray.**

God, You never gave up on us. You never walked away or walked out. You honored Your promises to us. The arms of Your love remain always open to us.

**But we have broken our promises to You, we have refused to forgive or restore, we have lived too much with our fists clenched and our minds closed and our hearts locked. Forgive us we pray.**

O God, renew a right spirit within us.

**Confront us with the truth about our lives and our ways of living, that we truly might be Your people in this world. Through the healing love of Christ we pray. Amen.**

\*Invitation to Christian Discipleship

\*Hymn — When You Are Praying

“When you are praying,” Jesus said,  
“Don’t put on vain displays —  
but close your door and speak your heart,  
and humbly offer praise.”

Our Father in the heavenly realm,  
our Abba, ever near —  
Your name is holy, set apart;  
O bring Your kingdom here!

God, give us all we daily need  
and we will be content;  
forgive our sins as we forgive  
the wrongs that we resent.

God, give us grace to follow You;  
protect us on Your way.  
When evil tempts us from Your path,  
deliver us, we pray.

O Lord, we turn in trust to You;  
You know the things we need —  
and like a parent, You so love:  
the ones who ask, receive.

## FOR THINE IS THE KINGDOM AND THE POWER AND THE GLORY FOREVER

\*Reception of New Members

\*Benediction

Our gathering will soon be ended, where will we go, and what will we do?

**We will go out to be God's people in the world.**

May grace, peace, hope, love, and joy forever accompany you. Amen.

\*Congregational Closing Song — Let There Be Peace on Earth

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 our Creator, children all are we.  
Let us walk with each other in perfect harmony.

Let peace begin with me, let this be the moment now,  
With every breath 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.

\*Postlude — Woodlands

Setting by David Cherwien

The flowers in the Sanctuary are given in honor of Ellen & Robert Rogers on the occasion of their birthdays and in memory of George Hopkins by Jane Hopkins.

The white carnation symbolizes our sympathy to the family and friends of Ross Sandlin, Mary Ann Stegall, and Clarabell (C.B.) Rayermann..

Worship Leaders:

Dr. Tim Bruster Senior Pastor

Mr. Robert Stovall, Director of Music and Worship Arts

Mrs. Peggy Graff, Organist/Associate Director of Music and Worship Arts

Liturgists: Rev. Linda McDermott, Rev. Chuck Graff

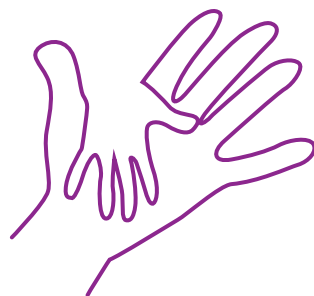
Choir: Singing Men of First Church

Instrumentalist: Molly Norcross, horn

Ministry Moment: Linda Murphy, Director of First Street Methodist Mission

\*Please stand as you are able.

How are you going  
to be one of God's  
people in the world  
this week?



# WORSHIP KIT

↪ INSIDE YOU WILL FIND ↪

## TREASURES OF NATURE BOX

One of the best ways we can experience God's power and love is by cherishing God's handiwork in the wonders of nature. Carefully open the box and discover what treasures wait inside.

## BLANK CARD

You can use the pencil and crayons to make a *Thank You* note for someone in the Sanctuary who helped make worship feel special to you. It could be a parent, a minister, a choir member, an usher, or someone in the next pew who gave you a friendly wave. After the service, ask your parents to take you to hand-deliver the card.

## ANOINTING BALM

Use the anointing balm to bless a friend or family member sitting next to you. Rub a tiny bit of the balm on your thumb and trace the sign of the cross on your neighbor's forehead or back of the hand (whichever they prefer). As you do this, say a simple blessing, such as "God bless you." (It's not just for sneezes.) Or, for a longer blessing, you could say:

*You are a special person.  
God loves you, and so do I.  
Bless you.*

And don't forget to allow your neighbor the privilege of getting to bless you.

## PIPE STEMS

There are so many things you can do with pipe stems. You could:

- Listen to the sermon and sculpt an object you hear mentioned.
- Shape them in the initials of someone you'd like to pray for.
- Look around the Sanctuary and sculpt something you see.
- Sculpt a flower and give it to a family member.
- Make a friendship bracelet and give it to a friend, or to a new member.

## PRAYER CROSS

The cross is such a powerful symbol of God's love and hope. Anytime is a good time to hold on to the cross. See inside the bulletin for how to use the prayer cross during the Lord's Prayer.

## TANGLE

Listen to a piece of music or a Bible story and mold the tangle to show how it makes you feel.

Does it make you feel:

- Open and ready for God's presence?
- Tangled and confused?
- Wrapped snugly and securely?
- Calm like a gentle stream?
- Not sure?

## PENCIL AND CRAYONS

Use these to write notes in your bulletin, draw a prayer, illustrate a story you hear in the sermon, or even ask hard questions.

## CLOTH FIGURE

Here are just a few things you can do with the cloth figure:

- Have it act out the events in the Bible story.
- Help it read the bulletin.
- Gently hold it the way God is holding you right now.

## EYE SPY CARD AND TELESCOPE

Use the Eye Spy card to identify some of the many meaningful objects and symbols in our Sanctuary. Use the telescope to help you explore.

