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

**The white carnations** symbolize our sympathy to the families 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 **Faith Like a Child:** Mister Mark, Lilly Shive, helper

Choir: Singing Men of First Church

Procession: Ellie Robertson

Insturmentalist: Molly Norcross, horn

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

\*Please stand as you are able.

# Use the Lord's Prayer as a model for your prayers. Pray slowly through it asking questions along the way.

#### Our Father, who art in heaven,

How do you sense the loving presence of the God in your life today?

### hallowed be thy name.

How might God's name be made holy, in your life?

### Thy kingdom come,

Where, in your life, is there a need for God's ways and God's purposes?

### thy will be done

What guidance are you seeking from God?

#### on earth as it is in heaven.

Where is the gap between heaven and earth that needs to be filled by the presence of God?

## Give us this day our daily bread.

What needs do you have that only God can provide?

#### And forgive us our trespasses,

What do you need to confess to God, that you might be forgiven?

# as we forgive those who trespass against us.

Whom do you need to forgive?

#### And lead us not into temptation,

What actions or decisions tempt you away from the ways and purposes of God?

#### but deliver us from evil.

Where do you need God's loving presence?

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

Praise God!

# **NOTES**

# MORE WAYS TO WORSHIP

**Live Stream** | Join us live online on Sunday mornings at **fumcfw.org/live** at 9:30 am for The Gathering, 11:00 am for Traditional, and 11:11 am for eleven:eleven celebration.

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#### **WORSHIP**

Gathering to focus on God together

#### **SERVE**

Being God's people in the world

#### **GIVE**

Putting God first in all things

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Discovering and understanding who God is

#### PLAY

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#### PRAY

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you, what reward do you have? Don't even the tax collectors do the same? And if you greet only your brothers and sisters, what more are you doing? Don't even the Gentiles do the same? Therefore, just as your heavenly Father is complete in showing love to everyone, so also you must be complete. MATTHEW 6:5-13 Showy prayer "When you pray, don't be like hypocrites. They love to pray standing in the synagogues and on the street corners so that people will see them. I assure you, that's the only reward they'll get. But when you pray, go to your room, shut the door, and pray to your Father who is present in that secret place. Your Father who sees what you do in secret will reward you. Proper prayer "When you pray, don't pour out a flood of empty words, as the Gentiles do. They think that by saying many words they'll be heard. Don't be like them, because your Father knows what you need before you ask. Pray like this: Our Father who is in heaven, uphold the holiness of your name. Bring in your kingdom so that your will is done on earth as it's done in heaven. Give us the bread we need for today. Forgive us for the ways we have wronged you, just as we also forgive those who have wronged us. And don't lead us into temptation, but rescue us from the evil one. MATTHEW 6:25-34 Worry about necessities "Therefore, I say to you, don't worry about your life, what you'll eat or what you'll drink, or about your body, what you'll wear. Isn't life more than food and the body more than clothes? Look at the birds in the sky. They don't sow seed or harvest grain or gather crops into barns. Yet your heavenly Father feeds them. Aren't you worth much more than they are? Who among you by worrying can add a single moment to your life? And why do you worry about clothes? Notice how the lilies in the field grow. They don't wear themselves out with work, and they don't spin cloth. But I say to you that even Solomon in all of his splendor wasn't dressed like one of these. If God dresses grass in the field so beautifully, eve ough it's alive today and tomorrow it's thrown into the furnace, won't God do much more for you, you people of weak faith? Therefore, don't worry and say, 'What are we going to eat?' or 'What are we going to drink?' or 'What are we going to wear?' Gentiles long for all these things. Your heavenly Father knows that you need them. Instead, desire first and foremost God's kingdom and God's righteousness, and all these things will be given to you as well. tomorrow, because tomorrow will worry about itself. Therefore, stop worrying about Each day has enough trouble of it own, MATTHEW 7:1-5 Judging "Don't judge, so that you won't be judged. You'll receive the same adgment you give. Whatever you deal out will be dealt out to you. Why do you see the splinter that's in your other's or sister's eye, but don't notice the log in your own eye? How can you say to splinter ● out of your ● eye, when there's a log in your eye? You deceive yourself! your brother or sister, 'Let me take First take the log out of your ey the splinter out of your brother Parable of the unforgiving servan many times should I forgive my brother or sister who sins aga just seven times, but rather as many as seventy-seven times. MATTHEW 25:31-45 Judgment of the nations "Now when the Human One comes in his majesty and all his angels are with him, he will sit on his majestic throne. All the nations will be gathered in front of him. He will separate them from each other, just as a shepherd separates the sheep from the goats. He will put the sheep on his right side. But the goats he will put on his left. "Then the king will say to those on his right, 'Come, you who will receive good things from my

MATTHEW 5:43-48 Law of love "You have heard that it was said, You must love your neighbor and hate your enemy. But I say to you, love your enemies and pray for those who harass you so that you will be acting as children of your Father who is in heaven. He makes

the sun rise on both the evil and the good and sends rain on both the righteous and the unrighteous. If you love only those who love

# **How We Should Pray**

Father. Inherit the kingdom that was prepared for you before the world began. I was hungry and you gave me food to eat. I was thirsty

and you gave me a drink. I was a stranger and you welcomed me. I was naked and you gave me clothes to wear. I was sick and you

took care of me. I was in prison and you visited me.' "Then those who are righteous will reply to him, 'Lord, when did we see you

hungry and feed you, or thirsty and give you a drink? When did we see you as a stranger and welcome you, or naked and give you clothes to wear? When did we see you sick or in prison and visit you? "Then the king will reply to them, I assure you that when you have done it for one of the least of these brothers and sisters of mine, you have done it for me." "Then he will say to those on his

left, 'Get away from me, you who will receive terrible things. Go into the unending fire that has been prepared for the devil and his

angels. I was hungry and you didn't give me food to eat. I was thirsty and you didn't give me anything to drink. I was a stranger and you didn't welcome me. I was naked and you didn't give me clothes to wear. I was sick and in prison, and you didn't visit me." "Then

they will reply, 'Lord, when did we see you hungry or thirsty or a stranger or naked or sick or in prison and didn't do anything to help you?' Then he will answer, 'I assure you that when you haven't done it for one of the least of these, you haven't done it for me'

Dr. Tim Bruster Matthew 6:5-13

11:00 am January 14<u>, 2018</u>

Welcome to First United Methodist Church of Fort Worth — we're so glad that you are worshipping with us today! Let us know you're here by filling out the attendance pad when it comes by. Ushers will pass them out during the service. If you would like to join our church family, fill out the *How to Join* card found in the pew pocket and bring it with you during the closing hymn.

Large-print bulletins, hearing enhancement devices, and children's activity packets are available. Our ushers would be happy to assist you at any time. Please silence your cell phone as we prepare our hearts and minds for worship.

Coming Next in Traditional Worship 9:30 & 11:00 am | Sanctuary

January 21
Dr. Tim Bruster
"How We Should Prioritize"
Third in the series Red Letter Christians

Word of the Day Memory Verse

Pray
Our Father, who is in heaven,
Holy is Your name.

#### **Gathering Music**

Welcome

**Choral Call to Worship** 

Rise Up, O Men of God Kenneth Jennings, arranger

# OUR FATHER, WHO ART IN HEAVEN, HALLOWED BE THY NAME

# The Lord's 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. (Matthew 6:9-13)

### \*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.

\*Hymn 64 Holy, Holy, Holy

# THY KINGDOM COME, THY WILL BE DONE ON EARTH AS IT IS IN HEAVEN

#### \*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 peace, 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.

\*Gloria Patri

**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

Scripture Matthew 6:5-13

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

Sermon How We Should Pray

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

A Time of Giving

Offertory Intermezzo (Op. 35, No. 11)

Reinhold Gliére, composer

\*Doxology

# 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 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 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.

Our Father in the heavenly realm,

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

#### \*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 Psalm 19

Benedetto Marcello, composer