

--THE LORD'S PRAYER---Caribbean (Matthew 6: 9-13)

Verse 1... Our Father who art in heaven.
Hallowed be Thy name. Thy kingdom come,
Thy will be done. Hallowed be Thy name.

Verse 2...As in heaven, so on the earth.
Hallowed be Thy name. Give us this day our daily bread.
Hallowed be Thy name.

Verse 3... And forgive us, Lord, our trespasses.
Hallowed be Thy name. As we forgive those who
trespass against us. Hallowed be Thy name.

Verse 4...And lead us not into temptation.
Hallowed be Thy name. But deliver us from all evil.
Hallowed be Thy name.

Verse 5... For Thine is the kingdom, the power,
and the glory. Hallowed be Thy name.
Forever and forevermore. Hallowed be Thy name.

Verse 6...Amen, amen, it shall be so.
Hallowed be Thy name. Amen, amen, it shall be so.
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--SONGS FOR DISTRIBUTION "Lord, I Need You"

(Psalm 116:6b; Hebrews 4:16; Philippians 4:19; Ephesians 2:8-10)
Verse 1...Lord, I come, I confess. Bowing here, I find my rest.
Without You, I fall apart. You're the One that guides my heart.

Chorus...Lord, I need You, oh, I need You. Every hour, I need
You. My one defense, my righteousness, oh God, how I need You.

Verse 2...Where sin runs deep, Your grace is more.
Where grace is found, is where You are. Where You are,
Lord, I am free. Holiness is Christ in me. Chorus...

Bridge...So teach my song to rise to You, when temptation comes
my way. When I cannot stand, I'll fall on You. Jesus, You're my
hope and stay. Chorus...

Tag...You're my one defense, my righteousness, oh God, how I
need You. My one defense, my righteousness, oh God, how I need
You.

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"I Give You My Heart"

Verse...This is my desire to honor You. Lord, with all my heart I
worship You. All I have within me, I give You praise, all that I adore
is in You. (continued...)

Chorus...Lord, I give You my heart, I give You my soul,
I live for You alone. Every breath that I take, ev'ry moment I'm
awake, Lord, have Your way in me.

Repeat Verse, and Chorus three times...

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--COMMUNION DISMISSAL

P. The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen and
preserve you in body and soul to life everlasting.
Depart ✠ in peace.

--BENEDICTION

P. The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ and the love of God and the
communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.
C. Amen.

--CLOSING SONG "I Lift My Hands" (Lamentations 3:22-24; Psalm 46:10)

Verse 1...Be still; there is a healer. His love is deeper than the sea,
His mercy is unailing. His arms, a fortress for the weak.
Let faith arise, let faith arise.

Chorus...I lift my hands to believe again. You are my refuge, You
are my strength. As I pour out my heart, these things I remember:
You are faithful, God, forever.

Verse 2...Be still; there is a river that flows from Calvary's tree.
A fountain for the thirsty, Your grace that washes over me.
Let faith arise, let faith arise. Chorus twice...

Bridge...Let faith arise, let faith arise. Open my eyes, open my
eyes. Let faith arise, let faith arise. Open my eyes, open my eyes.
Chorus then...

Final Chorus... I lift my hands to believe again. You are my refuge,
You are my strength. As I pour out my heart, these things I
remember: You are faithful, God, You're faithful God, forever.

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P. Go in peace and serve the Lord!

C. Thanks be to God!

***** TO GOD BE THE GLORY *****

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THE CONNECTION

September 15, 2024 10:30am

The Sacrament Of The Altar will be celebrated at the 10:30 AM
service. Anyone who is not yet instructed, in doubt or holds a differ-
ing confession and yet desires to receive the Sacrament, is asked
first to speak with a Pastor, Elder or Worship Assistant.

--PRESERVICE SONG "Come, Now is the Time to Worship"

--ANNOUNCEMENTS

--WORSHIP SONG "Healing Is In Your Hands"

(Ephesians 3:17-19; Psalm 85:2)
Verse 1...No mountain, no valley, no gain or loss we know,
could keep us from Your love.

Verse 2...No sickness, no secret, no chain is strong enough to
keep us from Your love, to keep us from Your love.

Chorus...How high, how wide; no matter where I am, healing is in
Your hands. How deep, how strong; now by Your grace I stand.
Healing is in Your hands.

Verse 3...Our present, our future, our past is in Your hands; we're
covered by Your blood, we're covered by Your blood. Chorus...

Bridge...In all things, we know that we are more than conquerors;
You keep us by your love. In all things, we know that we are more
than conquerors; You keep us by Your love. You keep us by Your
love.

Final Chorus...How high, how wide; no matter where I am,
healing is in Your hands. How deep, how deep is Your love.
How strong, how strong is Your love. Now by Your grace I stand.
Healing is in Your hands.

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(Please stand)

--INVOCATION

P. In the name of the Father, and of the ✠ Son, and of the
Holy Spirit. **C. Amen**

--CONFESSION OF SINS

P. Let us confess our sins to God our Father.

C. Most merciful God, in Your kindness and love You have saved us. You've rescued us from the coldness of our sin. Yet, we still struggle to share Your warmth in our daily living. Our thoughts don't always follow Your thoughts. Our ways often stray from Your ways. We sin against not only You, but against our neighbors, as well. Forgive us, dear Lord. Wrap us securely in Your love and lead us in Your good ways. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

--FORGIVENESS OF SINS

P. Almighty God, in His mercy, has given His Son to die for you and for His sake He forgives you. As a called and ordained servant of the Lord, and on His behalf, I say to you, "You are forgiven." In the name of the Father and of the † Son and of the Holy Spirit. **C. Amen**

--STATEMENT OF FAITH *Apostles' Creed*

I believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth. And in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died and was buried. He descended into hell. The third day He rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty. From thence He will come to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Christian Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen *(Please sit)*

--FIRST LESSON *Isaiah 50:4-10*

⁴The Lord GOD has given me the tongue of those who are taught, that I may know how to sustain with a word him who is weary. Morning by morning he awakens; he awakens my ear to hear as those who are taught. ⁵The Lord GOD has opened my ear, and I was not rebellious; I turned not backward. ⁶I gave my back to those who strike, and my cheeks to those who pull out the beard; I hid not my face from disgrace and spitting. ⁷But the Lord GOD helps me; therefore I have not been disgraced; therefore I have set my face like a flint, and I know that I shall not be put to shame. ⁸He who vindicates me is near. Who will contend with me? Let us stand up together. Who is my adversary? Let him come near to me. ⁹Behold, the Lord GOD helps me; who will declare me guilty? Behold, all of them will wear out like a garment; the moth will eat them up. ¹⁰Who among you fears the LORD and obeys the voice of his servant? Let him who walks in darkness and has no light trust in the name of the LORD and rely on his God.

L. Here ends the first reading.

--SECOND LESSON *James 3:1-12*

¹Not many of you should become teachers, my brothers, for you know that we who teach will be judged with greater strictness. ²For we all stumble in many ways, and if anyone does not stumble in what he says, he is a perfect man, able also to bridle his whole body. ³If we put bits into the mouths of horses so that they obey us, we guide their whole bodies as well. ⁴Look at the ships also: though they are so large and are driven by strong winds, they are guided by a very small rudder wherever the will of the pilot directs. ⁵So also the tongue is a small member, yet it boasts of great things.

How great a forest is set ablaze by such a small fire! ⁶And the tongue is a fire, a world of unrighteousness. The tongue is set among our members, staining the whole body, setting on fire the entire course of life, and set on fire by hell. ⁷For every kind of beast and bird, of reptile and sea creature, can be tamed and has been tamed by mankind, ⁸but no human being can tame the tongue. It is a restless evil, full of deadly poison. ⁹With it we bless our Lord and Father, and with it we curse people who are made in the likeness of God. ¹⁰From the same mouth come blessing and cursing. My brothers, these things ought not to be so. ¹¹Does a spring pour forth from the same opening both fresh and salt water? ¹²Can a fig tree, my brothers, bear olives, or a grapevine produce figs? Neither can a salt pond yield fresh water.

L. Here ends the second reading.

(Please stand)

--GOSPEL LESSON *Mark 9:14-29*

¹⁴When they came to the disciples, they saw a great crowd around them, and scribes arguing with them. ¹⁵And immediately all the crowd, when they saw him, were greatly amazed and ran up to [Jesus] and greeted him. ¹⁶And he asked them, "What are you arguing about with them?" ¹⁷And someone from the crowd answered him, "Teacher, I brought my son to you, for he has a spirit that makes him mute. ¹⁸And whenever it seizes him, it throws him down, and he foams and grinds his teeth and becomes rigid. So I asked your disciples to cast it out, and they were not able." ¹⁹And he answered them, "O faithless generation, how long am I to be with you? How long am I to bear with you? Bring him to me." ²⁰And they brought the boy to him. And when the spirit saw him, immediately it convulsed the boy, and he fell on the ground and rolled about, foaming at the mouth. ²¹And Jesus asked his father, "How long has this been happening to him?" And he said, "From childhood. ²²And it has often cast him into fire and into water, to destroy him. But if you can do anything, have compassion on us and help us." ²³And Jesus said to him, "If you can! All things are possible for one who believes." ²⁴Immediately the father of the child cried out and said, "I believe; help my unbelief!" ⁵And when Jesus saw that a crowd came running together, he rebuked the unclean spirit, saying to it, "You mute and deaf spirit,

(continued...)

I command you, come out of him and never enter him again."

²⁶And after crying out and convulsing him terribly, it came out, and the boy was like a corpse, so that most of them said, "He is dead." ²⁷But Jesus took him by the hand and lifted him up, and he arose. ²⁸And when he had entered the house, his disciples asked him privately, "Why could we not cast it out?" ²⁹And he said to them, "This kind cannot be driven out by anything but prayer."

P. Here ends the reading of the Gospel.

(Please sit)

--CHILDREN'S MESSAGE *Nancy Simonson*

--OFFERING / MESSAGE SONG "I Will Lift My Eyes"

(Psalm 121:1-2)

Verse 1...God, my God, I cry out. Your beloved needs You now. God, be near, calm my fear, and take my doubt. Your kindness is what pulls me up. Your love is all that draws me in.

Chorus...I will lift my eyes to the Maker of the mountains I can't climb. I will lift my eyes to the Calmer of the oceans raging wild. I will lift my eyes to the Healer of the hurt I hold inside. I will lift my eyes, lift my eyes to You.

Verse 2...God, my God, let mercy sing a melody over me. God, right here, all I bring is all of me. Your kindness is what pulls me up. Your love is all that draws me in. **Chorus...**

Bridge...'Cause You are and You were and You will be forever the Lover I need to save me! 'Cause You fashioned the earth, and You hold it together, God. So hold me now.

Chorus, then...I will lift my eyes, lift my eyes to You. God, my God, I cry out. Your beloved needs You now.

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--MESSAGE OF THE DAY "HOW DO WE TREAT PEOPLE?"

(Text: Nehemiah 5:1-3) The Rev. Peter Gueldner

(Please stand)

--PRAYERS

(Sung at beginning of prayers)

"The Spirit Intercedes For Us" *(Romans 8:26)*

The Spirit intercedes for us,
With sighs too deep for words to express, oh, oh, oh.

The pastor will conclude the prayers with:

"Holy Spirit, in our weakness, help us to pray..."

(Sung at end of the prayers)

"The Spirit Intercedes For Us" *(Romans 8:26)*

The Spirit intercedes for us,
With sighs too deep for words to express, oh, oh, oh.

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