

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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P. Let us pray as our Savior taught us...

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 and ever. Amen

--WORDS OF INSTITUTION

--SONGS FOR DISTRIBUTION
“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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“Lord, I Lift Your Name On High”
Verse...Lord, I lift Your name on high. Lord, I love to sing Your
praises.
I'm so glad You're in my life; I'm so glad You came to save us.

Chorus...You came from heaven to earth, to show the way. From
the earth to the cross, my debt to pay; from the cross to the
grave, from the grave to the sky,
Lord, I lift Your name on high!!!

Repeat Verse and Chorus twice, then...
Lord, I lift Your name on high!!! Lord, I lift Your name on high!!!

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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 “Hope of the Nations”
Verse...Jesus, Hope of the nations, Jesus, Comfort of all
who mourn, You are the source of Heaven’s Hope on earth.
Jesus, Light in the darkness, Jesus, Truth in each circumstance,
You are the source of Heaven’s Light on earth.

Channel...In history You lived and died. You broke the chains,
You rose to life.

Chorus...You are the Hope living in us, You are the Rock in
whom we trust, You are the Light shining for all the world to see.
You rose from the dead, conquering fear, Our Prince of Peace draw-
ing us near. Jesus, our Hope living for all who will receive.

Repeat Chorus, then... Lord, we believe. Lord, we believe.
Lord, we believe.

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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
October 5, 2025 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
differing confession and yet desires to receive the Sacrament, is
asked first to speak with a Pastor, Elder or Worship Assistant.

--PRESERVICE SONG “Blessed Be Your Name”

--ANNOUNCEMENTS

--WORSHIP SONG “I Will Follow” (Exodus 13:21-22; Luke 18:22)
Intro...Where You go, I'll go; where You stay, I'll stay;
when You move, I'll move. I will follow. Oh, oh, oh.

Verse 1...All Your ways are good, all Your ways are sure;
I will trust in You alone. Higher than my sight, high above my life;
I will trust in You alone. In You alone.

Chorus...Where You go, I'll go; where You stay, I'll stay;
when You move, I'll move. I will follow (You.) Whom You love,
I'll love; how You serve, I'll serve; if this life I lose, I will follow
(You, yeah. I will follow You, yeah.)

Verse 2...Light into the world, Light into my life I will live for You
alone. You're the One I seek, knowing I will find all I need in You
alone. In You alone. Chorus...

Bridge...In You, there's life everlasting. In You, there's freedom for
my soul. In You, there's joy, unending joy; and I will follow.

Sing Chorus twice, then...
I will follow You, yeah. I will follow You, yeah.

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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.**

--FORGIVNESS 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 WHAT WE BELIEVE

“This I Believe (The Creed)”
Verse 1...Our Father everlasting, the all creating One, God almighty. Through Your Holy Spirit, conceiving Christ the Son, Jesus our Savior.

Chorus...
I believe in God our Father, I believe in Christ the Son.
I believe in the Holy Spirit, Our God is three in One.
I believe in the resurrection, that we will rise again.
For I believe in the name of Jesus.

Verse 2... Our Judge and our Defender, suffered and crucified, forgiveness is in You.
Descended into darkness,
You rose in glorious life, forever seated high. Chorus...

Chorus 2...
I believe in life eternal, I believe in the virgin birth.
I believe in the saints' communion and in Your holy church.
I believe in the resurrection, when Jesus comes again.
For I believe in the name of Jesus.
For I believe in the name of Jesus.

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(Please sit)

--FIRST LESSON *Isaiah 62:1-7*

¹For Zion’s sake I will not keep silent, and for Jerusalem’s sake I will not be quiet, until her righteousness goes forth as brightness, and her salvation as a burning torch.

(continued...)

²The nations shall see your righteousness, and all the kings your glory, and you shall be called by a new name, that the mouth of the LORD will give. ³You shall be a crown of beauty in the hand of the LORD, and a royal diadem in the hand of your God. ⁴You shall no more be termed Forsaken, and your land shall no more be termed Desolate, but you shall be called My Delight Is in Her, and your land Married; for the LORD delights in you, and your land shall be married. ⁵For as a young man marries a young woman, so shall your sons marry you, and as the bridegroom rejoices over the bride, so shall your God rejoice over you. ⁶On your walls, O Jerusalem, I have set watchmen; all the day and all the night they shall never be silent. You who put the LORD in remembrance, take no rest, ⁷and give him no rest until he establishes Jerusalem and makes it a praise in the earth.

L. Here ends the first reading.
C. **Thanks be to God.**

--SECOND LESSON *Romans 10:11-17*

¹¹For the Scripture says, “Everyone who believes in him will not be put to shame.” ¹²For there is no distinction between Jew and Greek; the same Lord is Lord of all, bestowing his riches on all who call on him. ¹³For “everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved.” ¹⁴But how are they to call on him in whom they have not believed? And how are they to believe in him of whom they have never heard? And how are they to hear without someone preaching? ¹⁵And how are they to preach unless they are sent? As it is written, “How beautiful are the feet of those who preach the good news!” ¹⁶But they have not all obeyed the gospel. For Isaiah says, “Lord, who has believed what he has heard from us?” ¹⁷So faith comes from hearing, and hearing through the word of Christ.

L. Here ends the second reading.
C. **Thanks be to God.**

(Please stand)

--GOSPEL LESSON *Luke 24:44-53*

⁴⁴Then [Jesus] said to them, “These are my words that I spoke to you while I was still with you, that everything written about me in the Law of Moses and the Prophets and the Psalms must be fulfilled.” ⁴⁵Then he opened their minds to understand the Scriptures, ⁴⁶and said to them, “Thus it is written, that the Christ should suffer and on the third day rise from the dead, ⁴⁷and that repentance and forgiveness of sins should be proclaimed in his name to all nations, beginning from Jerusalem. ⁴⁸You are witnesses of these things. ⁴⁹And behold, I am sending the promise of my Father upon you. But stay in the city until you are clothed with power from on high.”

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⁵⁰Then he led them out as far as Bethany, and lifting up his hands he blessed them. ⁵¹While he blessed them, he parted from them and was carried up into heaven. ⁵²And they worshiped him and returned to Jerusalem with great joy, ⁵³and were continually in the temple blessing God.

P. Here ends the reading of the Gospel.
C. **Praise to You, O Christ.**

(Please sit)

--CHILDREN’S MESSAGE *Nancy Simonson*

--OFFERING / MESSAGE SONG *Mighty to Save”*

Verse 1...Ev’ryone needs compassion, a love that’s never failing.
Let mercy fall on me. Ev’ryone needs forgiveness, the kindness of a Savior, the hope of nations.

Chorus...Savior, He can move the mountains. My God is mighty to save. He is mighty to save. Forever, Author of salvation, He rose and conquered the grave. Jesus conquered the grave.

Verse 2...So take me as You find me, all my fears and failures; fill my life again. I give my life to follow ev’rything I believe in. Now, I surrender. Yes, I surrender. Chorus..

Bridge...Shine your light and let the whole world see we’re singing for the glory of the risen King Jesus. Shine your light and let the whole world see we’re singing for the glory of the risen King. Chorus...

Chorus 2...You’re my Savior; You can move the mountains. God, You are mighty to save. You are mighty to save. Forever, Author of salvation, You rose and conquered the grave. Yes, You conquered the grave. You are mighty to save.

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--MESSAGE OF THE DAY
“WE SHOULD NOT MAKE IT DIFFICULT”
(Text: Acts 15:12-21) The Rev. Peter Gueldner

(Please stand)

--PRAYERS
(Sung at beginning of prayers)
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