

--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.
Hallowed be Thy name.

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--WORDS OF INSTITUTION

--SONGS FOR DISTRIBUTION “Take My Life (Holiness)”

Verse 1...Holiness, holiness, is what I long for; holiness
is what I need. Holiness, holiness is what You want from me.

Verse 2... Faithfulness, faithfulness, is what I long for...

Chorus...So take my heart and form it. Take my mind,
transform it. Take my will, conform it to Yours, to Yours, oh Lord.

Verse 3... Righteousness, righteousness, is what I long for...
Chorus...

Verse 4... Brokenness, brokenness, is what I long for...

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“There Is None Like You/ In The Garden” (2 Samuel 7:22)

Chorus...There is none like You. No one else can touch my
heart like You do. I could search for all eternity long and find
there is none like You.

Verse 1...I come to the garden alone, while the dew is still on the
roses; and the voice I hear, falling on my ear, the Son of God
discloses. Chorus... (continued...)

Verse 2...He speaks, and the sound of His voice is so sweet,
the birds hush their singing; and the melody that He gave to me
within my heart is ringing. Chorus...

Tag... I could search for all eternity long
And find there is none like You.

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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 “Open the Eyes of My Heart, Lord”

(Ephesians 1: 17-21)

Chorus...Open the eyes of my heart, Lord, open the eyes of
my heart; I want to see You, I want to see You.
Open the eyes of my heart, Lord, open the eyes of my heart;
I want to see You, I want to see You.

Verse...To see You high and lifted up, shining in the light of Your
glory. Pour out Your pow’r and love; As we sing holy, holy, holy.

Sing Chorus, then Verse then...

Bridge...Holy, holy, holy; Holy, holy, holy; Holy, holy, holy,
I want to see You. Repeat Bridge 3 times...

Tag...We want to see You.

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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 19, 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 “Christ, Be Our Light”

--ANNOUNCEMENTS

--WORSHIP 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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(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 FAITH *Apostles’ Creed*

C. **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 *Genesis 32:22-30*

²²The same night [Jacob] arose and took his two wives, his two female servants, and his eleven children, and crossed the ford of the Jabbok. ²³He took them and sent them across the stream, and everything else that he had. ²⁴And Jacob was left alone. And a man wrestled with him until the breaking of the day. ²⁵When the man saw that he did not prevail against Jacob, he touched his hip socket, and Jacob’s hip was put out of joint as he wrestled with him. ²⁶Then he said, “Let me go, for the day has broken.” But Jacob said, “I will not let you go unless you bless me.” ²⁷And he said to him, “What is your name?” And he said, “Jacob.” ²⁸Then he said, “Your name shall no longer be called Jacob, but Israel, for you have striven with God and with men, and have prevailed.”
(continued...)

²⁹Then Jacob asked him, “Please tell me your name.” But he said, “Why is it that you ask my name?” And there he blessed him. ³⁰So Jacob called the name of the place Peniel, saying, “For I have seen God face to face, and yet my life has been delivered.”
L. Here ends the first reading.
C. **Thanks be to God.**

--SECOND LESSON 2 *Timothy 3:14-4:5*

L. But as for you, continue in what you have learned and have firmly believed, knowing from whom you learned it and how from childhood you have been acquainted with the sacred writings, which are able to make you wise for salvation through faith in Christ Jesus. All Scripture is breathed out by God
C. **and profitable for teaching, for reproof, for correction, and for training in righteousness, that the man of God may be competent, equipped for every good work.**
L. I charge you in the presence of God and of Christ Jesus, who is to judge the living and the dead, and by His appearing and His kingdom:

C. **preach the word; be ready in season and out of season; reprove, rebuke, and exhort, with complete patience and teaching.**
L. For the time is coming when people will not endure sound teaching,
C. **but having itching ears they will accumulate for themselves teachers to suit their own passions, and will turn away from listening to the truth and wander off into myths.**

L. As for you, always be sober-minded, endure suffering, do the work of an evangelist, fulfill your ministry.
L. Here ends the second reading.
C. **Thanks be to God.**

(Please stand)
--GOSPEL LESSON *Luke 18:1-8*

¹[Jesus] told them a parable to the effect that they ought always to pray and not lose heart. ²He said, “In a certain city there was a judge who neither feared God nor respected man. ³And there was a widow in that city who kept coming to him and saying, ‘Give me justice against my adversary.’ ⁴For a while he refused, but afterward he said to himself, ‘Though I neither fear God nor respect man, ⁵yet because this widow keeps bothering me, I will give her justice, so that she will not beat me down by her continual coming.’”
(continued...)

⁶And the Lord said, “Hear what the unrighteous judge says. ⁷And will not God give justice to his elect, who cry to him day and night? Will he delay long over them? ⁸I tell you, he will give justice to them speedily. Nevertheless, when the Son of Man comes, will he find faith on earth?”

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

--CHILDREN’S MESSAGE

--OFFERING / MESSAGE SONG “*God Will Make A Way*”
(Isaiah 41:10, 43:18-19, 55:8; Mark 13:31; Psalm 25:5)
***Chorus*...**God will make a way where there seems to be no way. He works in ways we cannot see. He will make a way for me. He will be my guide, hold me closely to His side. With love and strength for each new day, He will make a way. He will make a way.

***Verse*...**By a roadway in the wilderness, He'll lead me. Rivers in the desert will I see. Heaven and earth will fade, but His Word will still remain, and He will do something new today!

***Chorus, then*...**With love and strength for each new day, God will make a way. God will make a way.
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--MESSAGE OF THE DAY
“GETTING GOD WRONG” (TEXT: ACTS 7:39-50)
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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