

Sharing Our Lives in Prayer

Prayer Requests

Silent Prayer

Pastoral Prayer

Welcome

Letting God In

During this time, we invite you to prepare your heart and your mind for worship. We want you to be able to use this quiet time to settle your thoughts, set aside any distractions that may be troubling you, and focus your whole self on God. Open your heart, your mind, and your spirit, and let God into your life.

Centering Prayer: Teach me faith, God, always and again.

As you breathe in, pray, "Teach me faith, God."

As you breathe out, pray, "Always and again."

* Opening Prayer:

"Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name." Familiar words, God, and the start of a prayer that so many know by heart, a prayer that so many devoted lips and hearts recite regularly. We thank you for these words that mean so much and say so much for so many people. Help us to hear them anew and say them afresh every time we pray. O God, you are infinite, eternal and unchangeable, glorious in holiness, full of love and compassion, abundant in grace and truth. Your works everywhere praise you, and your glory is revealed in Jesus Christ our Savior. And so we praise you, God of our hearts, our lives, our everything. Set us free from a past that we cannot change. Open to us a future in which we can be changed. Grant us grace to grow more and more in your likeness and image. Forgive us our sins, and in your forgiving, teach us to forgive others as well. *(Please take a moment for silent reflection and confession.)*

In the name of that Jesus, that Savior, we pray.

Amen.

* God's Promise of Grace

* Sharing the Peace of Christ

* Song of Peace: "Let There Be Peace on Earth"

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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, we are family.

Let us walk with each other in perfect harmony.

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

With every step 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.

Moderator's Welcome, Quorum Declaration, Approval of 2022 minutes – Rev. Lisa Johnson

Prayer to Open Minds and Hearts

Scripture reading – Matthew 6:7-21 (from the *Common English Bible*, © 2011)

⁷ "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. ⁸ Don't be like them, because your Father knows what you need before you ask. ⁹ Pray like

this: Our Father who is in heaven, uphold the holiness of your name. ¹⁰ Bring in your kingdom so that your will is done on earth as it's done in heaven. ¹¹ Give us the bread we need for today. ¹² Forgive us for the ways we have wronged you, just as we also forgive those who have wronged us. ¹³ And don't lead us into temptation, but rescue us from the evil one. ¹⁴ "If you forgive others their sins, your heavenly Father will also forgive you. ¹⁵ But if you don't forgive others, neither will your Father forgive your sins. ¹⁶ "And when you fast, don't put on a sad face like the hypocrites. They distort their faces so people will know they are fasting. I assure you that they have their reward. ¹⁷ When you fast, brush your hair and wash your face. ¹⁸ Then you won't look like you are fasting to people, but only to your Father who is present in that secret place. Your Father who sees in secret will reward you. ¹⁹ "Stop collecting treasures for your own benefit on earth, where moth and rust eat them and where thieves break in and steal them. ²⁰ Instead, collect treasures for yourselves in heaven, where moth and rust don't eat them and where thieves don't break in and steal them. ²¹ Where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.

Sermon: "How to Do and Be" – Rev. Lisa Johnson

Hymn #378 – We Wait the Peaceful Kingdom
(from *Glory to God*, © 2013 Westminster John Knox Press)

We wait the peaceful kingdom,
When wolf and lamb shall lie
In gentleness and friendship
Without a fear or sigh,
When lion shall be grazing,
When snake shall never strike;
A little child shall lead us
Both strong and weak alike.

Where is the peaceful kingdom?
When will this new day start?
We long for peace and comfort
To reign within each heart.
Yet not in our lives only,
Nor simply in our home:
We pray that all creation
Will one day find shalom.

When wars of desolation
And hate come to an end,
When nation meets with nation
And calls the other "friend,"
Still peace in all its fullness
Will only have begun:
Shalom for all creation
Begins with justice done.

That little child shall lead us
To walk the chosen way,
To share the peaceful kingdom,
To greet God's newborn day.
The child born in a stable
Is sent to break our chains,
To bring through word and table
The day when justice reigns.

Clerk's Report – Mike Rand

Thanksgiving and Recognition of Ministry

Nominating Committee report
Calling and Electing New Leaders
 Ruling Elders
 Todd Wickre
 Brenda Longman
 Cindy Luhman
 Deacon
 Karen Peterson-Rucker
 Joanne Schenck
Ordaining and Installing New Leaders (*see insert*)

Ministry Plan – Kim Stanton, treasurer
Treasurer’s Report
2023 Budget

Prayer of Gratitude and Blessing

Our offering plates are located at the entrance to the sanctuary. This offering allows us to continue our outreach and mission both here in the community of Oronoco and beyond – in the greater Rochester area, in Minnesota, and even around the world. We are grateful for your willingness to join us in this mission and thank you for your generosity.

Celebration of Community

Deacons’ Report
Audit Committee Report
People of the Church Report
Food Shelf Report
Outreach Team Report

Motion to Adjourn the Annual Meeting

Celebrating the Lord’s Supper

Our tradition in this congregation is to partake of the bread whenever you feel prepared to do so and to hold the wine/juice until all have been served so that we can all partake together. This gives us the chance to participate in this holy mystery as we participate in our faith – both as individuals and as a community.

Invitation to the Table

Great Thanksgiving

One: God be with you.

Many: And also with you.

One: Lift up your hearts.

Many: We lift them up to God.

One: Let us give thanks to God Most High.

Many: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Prayer for the Feast

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 sins as we forgive those who sin 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.**

Words of Institution

Sharing the Bread and the Cup

Prayer of Thanksgiving

Hymn #405 – Praise God for This Holy Ground
(from *Glory to God*, © 2013 Westminster John Knox Press)

Praise God for this holy ground,
Place and people, sight and sound.

Hallelujah!
Hallelujah!
Hallelujah!
God's goodness is eternal.

Praise God in whose word we find
Food for body, soul, and mind.
Hallelujah!
Hallelujah!
Hallelujah!
God's goodness is eternal.

Praise God who through Christ makes known
All are loved and called God's own.
Hallelujah!
Hallelujah!
Hallelujah!
God's goodness is eternal.

Praise God's Spirit who befriends,
Raises, humbles, breaks, and mends.
Hallelujah!
Hallelujah!
Hallelujah!
God's goodness is eternal.

Though praise ends, praise is begun
Where God's will is gladly done.
Hallelujah!
Hallelujah!
Hallelujah!
God's goodness is eternal.

Announcements

BEING SENT OUT IN GOD'S WORD

* Blessing

* Claiming Our Faith Identity

This is a chance for us to remind one another of both who we are and whose we are before we head back out in the world. The hope is that, as we grow more and more familiar with the words and the claim and call that they place on our hearts, we'll be able to recall them throughout the week in those moments when we need to tap into our faith. The words and phrases are also aimed at helping us connect with our congregation's own mission statement: "We are a community of believers whose mission is to share God's Word, show God's Love, serve God's World, and strive for God's Peace."

One: We are the Church –

ALL: God's beloved children today, tomorrow, and always.

One: Here, in this worship, through prayer, word, and fellowship,

ALL: God has embraced us yet again, and our spirits have been made new.

One: Suffused with God's grace,

ALL: We claim new strength, new purpose, and new hope in our call.

One: With spirits reaffirmed and renewed,

ALL: We are called to SHARE God's Word. We are called to SHOW God's Love. We are called to SERVE God's World. We are called to STRIVE for God's Peace.

One: We are the Church

ALL: Because God binds us together in sacred companionship and blessed connectedness.

One: And now, as the Church, God calls us out

ALL: To do and be God's extravagant love in the world.

One: This service has ended.

ALL: Now our service can begin.

** indicates please rise in body or spirit as you feel led*