



### **New Worship Series: The Prayer of Jesus through August 8**

Each week during this series, we will explore "The Lord's Prayer" based on Matthew 6:9-15 and Luke 11:2-4. We will discover the common ground we appreciate in the prayer that Jesus taught to followers, and which we recite so often in worship. Throughout the series we will use different versions of The Lord's Prayer. Check the website for weekly guides, scripture passages, and a downloadable brochure of writing prompts.

### **Getting to Know You**

You are invited to sign-up for a small group **Meet & Greet** gathering with Pastor Beckie in the Durham Room (or outside, weather permitting). Reservations are required, as groups will be kept to a maximum of eight persons. During the gathering you will be asked about St Paul's and you.

And, you will have an opportunity to ask questions of Pastor Beckie as well. Let's get acquainted and explore where God is leading us together! Gatherings will last no longer than 90 minutes.

### **Updated Safety Protocols:**

\*Two seating options: **Safely Distanced**, for those needing more space such as unvaccinated and family; and **Sit Where You Like**, for those no longer requiring distancing such as fully vaccinated. There are no restrictions on exiting the sanctuary.

\*Everyone must wear masks in the building and socially distance. They may sing softly with masks.

\*Fellowship Time on the Playground! Before and after the service, enjoy our newly beautified playground for chatting with members and visitors. Unvaccinated need to wear masks, unless sipping.

Thank you for keeping one another safe & for loving your neighbor!

### **Church Office Hours**

**9:00 AM-12:00 PM Sunday through Thursday**

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Please call ahead if you plan to visit the church in person.

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**St. Paul's  
United Methodist Church  
August 1, 2021 - 10:30 AM Service  
Tenth Sunday after Pentecost**

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*We welcome you, trusting that this time of worship will open our hearts to experience the Spirit's movement among us. Together, we seek peace, health, and wholeness as we gather in God's presence.*  
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*\*Indicates a standing portion of the service. Please stand as you are able.*

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*The Prayer of Jesus  
"As We Forgive"*

**Gathering as The Beloved Community**

**Gathering Music**

Caleb Bates

**Welcome & Announcements**

Pastor Beckie Sweet

**\*Sharing Love and Peace with All**

**Centering Music**

Caleb Bates

**\*Call to Worship**

Come, children of God, rejoice in your Maker!

**We'll sing songs and hymns, old and new;**

**celebrate with voices and instruments, with praise and prayers!**

Open your eyes to the life-giving presence of Jesus Christ.

**For God is already here, among us and within us,**

**bringing new life to all who believe. Let's praise God together!**

**\*Singing Together**

"Grace Greater Than Our Sin" (verses 1 and 4)

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**Opening Prayer**

**Feed us now, Saving Christ, as you fed your first disciples. Feed us with that soul-food which nurtures enough love within us to outstrip the fears and enmity that ties the world up in knots. Feed us with that spiritual bread which strengthens our hands for serving those broken and lost people whom this world deems a waste of space. Feed us, so that we may be fulfilled with some of that joy which the universe cannot contain. For your love's sake. Amen!**

**Encountering God Through the Word**

**Scripture Readings**

**Matthew 6:9-15 (Contemporary English Version)**

Gary Rith

You should pray like this:

Our Father in heaven, help us to honor your name.

<sup>10</sup> Come and set up your kingdom,  
so that everyone on earth will obey you,  
as you are obeyed in heaven.

<sup>11</sup> Give us our food for today.

<sup>12</sup> Forgive us for doing wrong, as we forgive others.

<sup>13</sup> Keep us from being tempted and protect us from evil.

<sup>14</sup> If you forgive others for the wrongs they do to you, your Father in heaven will forgive you. <sup>15</sup> But if you don't forgive others, your Father will not forgive your sins.

### **Colossians 3:12-15a** (The Inclusive Bible)

Because you are God's chosen ones, holy and beloved, clothe yourselves with heartfelt compassion, with kindness, humility, gentleness and patience. Bear with one another; forgive whatever grievances you have against one another—forgive in the same way God has forgiven you. Above all else, put on love, which binds the rest together and makes them perfect.

Let Christ's peace reign in your hearts since, as members of one body, you have been called to that peace.

Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Church!  
**Thanks be to God.**

### **A Message for All God's Children (Children's Time)**

#### **Special Music**

"Come Thou Font of Every Blessing"

Festival Chimes

#### **Message**

"As We Forgive"

### **Responding with Joy and Generosity**

#### **\*Hymn of Response**

"God, How Can We Forgive"

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#### **Offering our Gifts to God**

#### **Offertory**

#### **Holy Communion ~ The Great Thanksgiving (RBS)**

Siblings in Christ, lift up your spirits with thanksgiving to God,

**Whose nature is to always have mercy.**

How blissful it is to imagine God's heaven on earth.

**For God's realm is created in love, justice, and peace.**

So we give God praise, here and everywhere.

**With all we have and all we are, we praise our loving God.**

...

And so, with your people on earth and all the company of heaven,  
we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

**Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,**

**Heaven and earth are full of your glory.**

**Hosanna in the highest.**

**Blessed is the One who comes in the name of the Lord.**

**Hosanna in the highest.**

...

And so, in remembrance of these your mighty acts  
in Jesus Christ, we offer ourselves in praise and thanksgiving

as a holy and living sacrifice,  
in union with Christ's offering for us, as we proclaim the mystery of faith.

**Christ has died; Christ is risen;  
Christ will come again.**

...

In your holy church, all honor and glory is yours,  
Almighty God. **Amen.**

**The Lord's Prayer** (unison)

*translated from Aramaic by Dr. Neil Douglas Klotz*

**O Birther! Father-Mother of the Cosmos:  
you create all that moves in light.**

**Focus your light within us – make us useful:  
as the rays of a beacon show the way.**

**Create your reign of unity now –  
through our fiery hearts and willing hands.**

**Your one desire then acts with ours, as in all light, so in all forms.**

**Grant what we need each day in bread and insight:  
subsistence for the call of growing life.**

**Loose the cords of mistakes binding us,  
as we release the strands we hold of others' guilt.**

**Don't let us enter forgetfulness, but free us from unripeness.**

**From you is born all ruling will, the power and the life to do,  
the song that beautifies all, from age to age it renews.**

**Truly-power to these statements-may be the source from which all my actions grow.  
Amen.**

**Sharing the Bread and Cup**

**Prayer after Communion**

**Going Forth to Serve and to Bless**

**\*Closing Hymn**

"Freely, Freely"

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**\*Dismissal with Blessing**

**Postlude**

Caleb Bates

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For **Prayer Chain Requests**, confidential concerns seen only by those who participate in the Prayer Chain, please contact Pastor Beckie at [pastor@stpaulsithaca.org](mailto:pastor@stpaulsithaca.org).

**Prayer Requests:** A.J. Sapp; Ann Mathews; Ann Shumate (friends of Nancy Potter); Anya Kyong; Bob McCune; David McElrath; Eliesha Lovell (Nancy and Jeff Lovell's daughter); Gina Bakota (Teresa Yatsko's sister); Jackie Warren; Kathleen Jacklin; LaVerne Snyder; Margaret, Kate and John Malarney (friends of Anne Horst); Mary Boardman; Matthew Boardman (Mary Boardman's son); Marilyn Peterson (Lynn Martin's mother); Nelson Reppert; Randy Hausner; Raymond Snyder (LaVerne's uncle); Robert Deming (Melissa Gould's nephew); and Shirley Snyder (LaVerne's mother). Pray for healing within the United Methodist Church, especially for those who are excluded because of sexual orientation and gender identification.

**For Your Reflection**

**God's Gift of Abundance**

In what ways has God blessed you with abundance? In what areas of your life do you lack abundance? How will you express this to God in prayer? Consider these things, and PRAY!