"Ask and it will be given you; search and you will find; knock and the door will be opened for you." Luke 11:9



Grace Presbyterian Church
Fort Wayne, IN
July 27, 2025
The Seventh Sunday After Pentecost

Community Worship on Zoom - Live Stream/Replay on Facebook

Sunday Service - July 27, 2025

How can we pray for you? Let us know in the Zoom/Facebook Chat!

We invite you to join in the liturgy by speaking the parts in *BOLD* with us from your homes!

10:15 - Zoom Meeting Starts ~ ~ ~ 10:20 - Facebook Live Stream Starts

But when he, the Spirit of truth, comes, he will guide you into all the truth.

10:30 - Live Prelude Starts Treasures in Heaven by Davis

Welcome

Call to Worship — adapted from Psalm 61

Hear our cry, O God; listen to our prayers.

From the end of the earth we cry to you, when our hearts are faint.

Lead us to the rock that is higher than us for you are our refuge.

Let us abide in your tent forever and find refuge under the shelter of your wings.

Opening Hymn #664 "Morning Has Broken"

Call to Confession — from Homiletics — July 2024

Fluency in any language means the possibility of conversation. Learning the language of prayer requires both speaking to and listening for God. As we confess our sin together, let us also listen in silence for the Spirit of Christ stirring within, reminding us of how we fall short, moving us to a new experience of forgiveness.

Prayer of Confession — from Homiletics — July 2024

Heavenly Teacher, we do not always pray as we ought. Help us to speak our truth and to listen for your forgiveness. When we pray, "Our Father in heaven," but forget to embrace all people as your children. When we say, "Your kingdom come" without working for your kingdom on earth. When we ask for our daily bread, but do not recognize it as your gift. When we request forgiveness for ourselves, but fail to pardon others. When we plead not to be led into times of trial, but walk willingly into temptation. When we honor you with our lips, but fail miserably with our lives. O Lord, forgive

us. Help us to pray unceasingly that we may be transformed by the renewing power of the Spirit. Create spaces in our prayer, that we might hear and live out your words back to us, words of love and justice, grace and forgiveness. Amen.

Time for silent confession

Assurance of Pardon — from Homiletics – July 2024

Brothers and sisters in Christ, hear these words regarding prayer: "Ask and it will be given to you; search and you find; knock and the door will be opened for you." Know that God longs to hear our prayer, and longs to communicate back. Friends, believe the good news of the gospel: In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven. Let us live at peace as forgiven people.

Thanks be to God.

Song of Assurance #581 "Gloria Patri"

Passing the Peace

Since God has forgiven us in Christ, let us forgive one another. The Peace and Love of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you all.

And also with you!

Please take a moment to greet your neighbor and others with the peace of Christ.

Time for Music & Meditation

Prayer for Illumination

<u>Let us Pray:</u> Parenting God who is always near: Your word is light in the midst of darkness and hope in the midst of despair. As we listen to the scriptures read, inspire us to hear the word you would have us hear for this moment in our lives. As we listen, give us expectant hearts and thankful souls. **Amen**.

Scripture Reading: New Testament Reading — Colossians 2:6-15

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6 So then, just as you received Christ Jesus as Lord, continue to live your lives in him, 7 rooted and built up in him, strengthened in the faith as you were taught, and overflowing with thankfulness.

8 See to it that no one takes you captive through hollow and deceptive philosophy, which depends on human tradition and the elemental spiritual forces of this world rather than on Christ.

9 For in Christ all the fullness of the Deity lives in bodily form, 10 and in Christ you have been brought to fullness. He is the head over every power and authority. 11 In him you were also circumcised with a circumcision not performed by human hands. Your whole self ruled by the flesh was put off when you were circumcised by Christ, 12 having been buried with him in baptism, in which you were also raised with him through your faith in the working of God, who raised him from the dead.

13 When you were dead in your sins and in the uncircumcision of your flesh, God made you alive with Christ. He forgave us all our sins, 14 having canceled the charge of our legal indebtedness, which stood against us and condemned us; he has taken it away, nailing it to the cross. 15 And having disarmed the powers and authorities, he made a public spectacle of them, triumphing over them by the cross.

Scripture Reading: Gospel Reading — Luke 11:1-13

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One day Jesus was praying in a certain place. When he finished, one of his disciples said to him, "Lord, teach us to pray, just as John taught his disciples."

2 He said to them, "When you pray, say:

"Father, hallowed be your name,
your kingdom come.
3 Give us each day our daily bread.
4 Forgive us our sins,
for we also forgive everyone who sins against us.
And lead us not into temptation."

5 Then Jesus said to them, "Suppose you have a friend, and you go to him at midnight and say, 'Friend, lend me three loaves of bread; 6 a friend of mine on a journey has come to me, and I have no food to offer him.' 7 And suppose the one inside answers, 'Don't bother me. The door is already locked, and my children and I are in bed. I can't get up and give you anything.' 8 I tell you, even though he will not get up and give you the bread because of friendship, yet because of your shameless audacity he will surely get up and give you as much as you need.

9 "So I say to you: Ask and it will be given to you; seek and you will find; knock and the door will be opened to you. 10 For everyone who asks receives; the one who seeks finds; and to the one who knocks, the door will be opened.

11 "Which of you fathers, if your son asks for a fish, will give him a snake instead? 12 Or if he asks for an egg, will give him a scorpion? 13 If you then, though you are evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will your Father in heaven give the Holy Spirit to those who ask him!"

Sermon

Stay With It

Affirmation of Faith: The Apostle's 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 Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; he descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.

Hymn of Response #824 "There Is a Place of Quiet Rest"

Prayers of the People & 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 debts, as we forgive our debtors; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

Call to Offering

In teaching disciples the Lord's Prayer, Jesus teaches Christians to pray for God's kingdom to come and God's will to be done. In praying this prayer, we commit ourselves to this work of salvation. Our offerings are part of that commitment. In a prayerful spirit, let us present our gifts to God.

Offertory — Abide with Me by Monk

Doxology #606 "Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow"

Prayer of Dedication —

Let us pray. As we pray for your kingdom to come and your will be done with our minds, hearts and lips, Gracious God, we pray with our hands opened to your holy purposes. Receive our offerings for the work of your kingdom for the blessing of the world and your beloved children who inhabit the earth. Through the gifts of your people, may your gospel be heard and your people filled with faith. **Amen.**

Announcements

Closing Hymn #683 "Lord of All Hopefulness"

Char and Benediction

Postlude — Postlude in Folk-Hymn Style by Smith

ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Church Office will be closed July 28:

August Newsletter: If you have anything for the August newsletter, please send it to Justin in the church office by Monday, July 28.

Communion will be Celebrated Next Sunday:

We will be Selling SCRIP Next Sunday: See John for more information.

Annual Summer Hymn Sing: Our annual Hymn Sing is back! We'll be singing our favorite songs on August 10th. To make it happen, we need your help. If you have a selection you'd like in the service, please fill out a Hymn Form in the narthex. There is a basket where you can leave the filled out document.

Birthdays

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Anniversaries

Bill & Kathy Graney July 29, 1995

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ZOOM INSTRUCTIONS

To connect to our worship services on Zoom, follow these instructions to watch or listen. You can connect at 10:15 for fellowship; the service starts at 10:30.

Option 1: Automatically Join the Meeting

Follow the link in the email sent every week. This is by far the easiest way to connect to the live video.

Option 2: Manually Join the Meeting

You can download Zoom from https://www.zoom.us.

After you have installed the program/app, click on "Join" and enter this information:

Meeting ID: 9712063468

Password: 030414

Option 3: Call in to Listen (Audio Only)

On Sunday Morning, you can call to listen to the service. After you call, it will ask you to enter the Meeting ID and Password Below:

Phone Number: (301) 715-8592

Meeting ID: 9712063468

Password: 030414

Morning Has Broken

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- 1 Morn-ing has bro ken like the first morn ing; black-bird has 2 Sweet the rain's new fall sun - lit from heav - en, like the first
- 2 Sweet the rain's new fall sun lit from heav en, like the first 3 Mine is the sun light! Mine is the morn ing, born of the



spo - ken like the first bird. Praise for the sing - ing! Praise for the dew - fall on the first grass. Praise for the sweet-ness of the wet one light E - den saw play! Praise with e - la - tion; praise ev - ery



morn - ing! Praise for them, spring - ing fresh from the Word! gar - den, sprung in com - plete - ness where God's feet pass. morn - ing, God's re - cre - a - tion of the new day!

This 20th-century text was created to provide words for this traditional tune named for a small village on the Isle of Mull, off the west coast of Scotland. Through repeated use of "new" and "first," each morning is treated as a re-creation of the promise of the original day.



There Is a Place of Quiet Rest 824

Near to the Heart of God

- a place of qui et 1 There is rest, near to the heart of God,
- 2 There is a place of com-fort sweet, near to the heart of God,
- 3 There is a place of full re - lease, near to the heart of God,





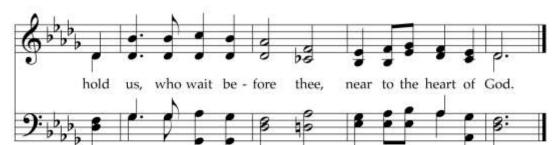
- place where sin can-not mo-lest, near to the heart of God.
- place where we our Sav ior meet, near to the heart of God.
- place where all is joy and peace, near to the heart of God.











A Presbyterian campus pastor and choir director in Missouri wrote this simple but moving hymn in response

to the death of two young nieces from diphtheria. By distilling such personal grief into the shared assurances of faith, these words have brought comfort to many. TEXT and MUSIC: Cleland Boyd McAfee, 1901

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Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow

Doxology



TEXT: Thomas Ken, 1695, 1709 MUSIC: Genevan Psalter, 1551 OLD HUNDREDTH

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When first published in 1931, this "AII-Day Hymn" (as it was titled) seemed very daring for not using traditional archaic pronouns to address Christ. Current pronouns no longer disturb, but the comforting Jesus portrayed here needs to be balanced by his call to discipleship.

TEXT: Jan Struther, 1931 MUSIC: David Schwoebel, 2008 Text © 1931 Oxford University Press Music © 2008 Celebrating Grace, Inc. COURTNEY 10.11.11.12 (alternate tune: SLANE)