

Prayer of Intercession and The Lord's Prayer

Amelia Gordon

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.

The Offering

Offertory

Kaiya Lee

*Doxology No. 606

Praise God from whom all blessings flow. Praise Him, all creatures here below.
Praise Him above, ye heav'nly host. Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen.

***Prayer of Dedication**

WE GO FORTH TO SERVE

***Hymn of Commissioning**

Though I May Speak

No. 693

***Benediction**

Postlude

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Prayer of Preparation

Holy and loving God, as we worship You today, we long for Your Spirit to both comfort and challenge us, to help us become more holy and more loving. In a world that does not understand repentance, we pray for new understanding, humility, patience, and discipline that will help us die to sin and live for Jesus. Amen.

Welcoming and Announcements

Sara Duncan

Everyone is asked to sign the Friendship Folder in the pew rack. **Visitors:** Please completely fill out your name, mailing address, and e-mail address to enable us to extend our Christian hospitality. Please pass the folder to your neighbor, and then return it to the center aisle with the cover open so that you may learn the names of the other worshipers. **For sight impaired worshipers:** Large Print Hymnals are available from the ushers. **For hearing impaired worshipers:** We recommend downloading the Listen Everywhere app.

Minute for Mission

Community Garden

Chris Calia

***Greeting One Another in Love**

PREPARATION FOR THE WORD

Prelude

Nathan Gordon

Call to Worship (Responsive)

Sara Duncan

Leader: Today, we gather together in love, as we celebrate the power of love, the foundation of our faith. For the Word tells us, "Love one another as I have loved you." This is our call—to love without conditions, to support and uplift one another in all things.

People: We come to worship with open hearts, ready to share love, kindness, and compassion. We come to worship with grateful spirits, knowing that God first loved us.

Leader: Let us remember that love is not just a feeling, but an action. It's in how we treat each other, in how we forgive, how we serve, how we reach out to those in need, and how we build each other up.

People: We are the hands and feet of Christ, called to love and serve one another. Let this love shine brightly today and every day, as we worship, pray, and live together in Christ.

Leader: So, let us worship God, in love, in unity, and in spirit, as we celebrate the power of love to change the world

***Hymn of Praise**

Lord, I Want to be a Christian

No. 729

Prayer of Confession (Responsive)

Caitlyn Chvatal

Leader: God of love, we come before You today with humble hearts, recognizing that we have not always loved as You have loved us. We confess that at times we have been quick to judge, slow to forgive, and reluctant to show kindness to others.

People: We have failed to see the beauty of Your love in everyone we meet. We have turned away from those in need of a listening ear or a helping hand. Forgive us, God, for the times we have not lived out Your command to love one another.

Leader: We confess that we have been selfish in our actions, focused on our own desires, instead of seeking to uplift and support those around us. We have allowed division to creep in, rather than working for unity and peace.

People: Lord, help us to love like You do— unconditionally, generously, and without expectation. Teach us to show empathy, to listen, and to walk alongside one another in both joy and struggle.

Leader: Forgive us, God, For the times we have fallen short of Your call to love. Renew our hearts with the power of Your Spirit, and guide us to be reflections of Your love in all we do.

People: In Your grace, we find forgiveness. In Your love, we are made whole. Help us to live out this love, now and always. Amen.

***Assurance of God's Grace**

Kaiya Lee

Hear the good news, beloved children of God: Though we fall short, God's love never fails. Through Jesus Christ, we are forgiven and set free. God's grace is abundant, and His love is unconditional. The Apostle John writes, "Beloved, let us love one another, for love is from God; and everyone who loves is born of God and knows God." So, know this: God's love is with you, and through His love, we are empowered to love one another. Friends, in the love of God, we are made new. Go forth today knowing that you are forgiven, you are loved, and you are sent to love others in the same way. This is the promise of God's grace.

WE LISTEN TO GOD'S WORD

Prayer for Illumination

Kaiya Lee

First Scripture Lesson

Leviticus 19:18, 33-34

Lewis Parham

Pew Bible page 85

Leader: The word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Second Scripture Lesson

Matthew 22:37-39, John 13:34-35

Amelia Gordon

Pew Bible pages 699 & 763

Leader: The word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Anthem

Nathan Gordon

Sermon

Loving Others as You Loved Me

David Duncan

RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD

***Hymn of the Day**

We Are One in the Spirit

No. 300

***Affirmation of Faith**

The Apostles' Creed

Amelia Gordon

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