



# Service of Worship for the Lord's Day



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Ordinary 25C

\*The prayers today were written by Yvette Freter.

**PRELUDE** "Be Thou My Vision" Dale Wood

## **CALL TO WORSHIP**

Pastor: Give thanks to the LORD, for He is good,

***People: for His steadfast love endures forever.***

Pastor: It is He who remembered us in our low estate,

***People: for His steadfast love endures forever;***

Pastor: He has rescued us from our foes,

***People: for His steadfast love endures forever;***

Pastor: Give thanks to the God of heaven

***People: for His steadfast love endures forever. Amen.***

**HYMN** #628 "Praise, I Will Praise You, Lord"

## **PRAYER OF ADORATION & CONFESSION**

Guide: Lord God of faith, hope, and love, thank You that we can abide in You. Thank You for giving us Your greatest gift: love. Help us to use it to serve You.

***People: If we speak in the tongues of men and of angels, but have no love, we are just noisy gongs or clanging cymbals in a world of discord. And if we have prophetic powers, and understand all mysteries and all knowledge, and if we have all faith, so as to remove mountains, but have no love for others, our words will avail nothing. And if we give away all we have, and deliver up our very bodies to our causes but have no love, we gain nothing, the world gains nothing. Forgive us for being without love. Forgive us for squandering Your love.***

- Silent Confessions -

Guide: Gracious Lord, thank You that Your Love is patient and kind; love does not envy or boast; it is not arrogant or rude. It does not insist on its own way; it is not irritable or resentful; it does not rejoice at wrongdoing, but rejoices with the truth. Your love bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things. Thank you that

Your love never ends. In this bond of love, we pray the prayer You taught us to pray, **"Our Father, Who art in heaven...THE LORD'S PRAYER" (debts/debtors)**

### **PROMISE OF THE GOSPEL**

Guide: We have a Savior who loves us deeply and seeks to show us the true way to God. Let us rejoice in His goodness and praise Him for God's everlasting grace. Amen.

**ANTHEM** "Minuets I and II from Suite No. 1 in G major, BWV 1007" by Bach  
Robyn James

### **PRAYER FOR HEALTH AND HEALING**

Pastor: Loving God, we know that we are able to just reach out to You, that You will heal us and You will send us off with the sure knowledge that our faith has made us well.

***People: Healing Lord, please hear our prayers as we reach out for You. Help us find peace amidst healing processes that may not be instantaneous. Please take our shame and fear away as we reach out for Your healing. You know the anguish of physical, emotional, and spiritual pain. Thank You for understanding all that we endure. We lift to You, now, those who need Your special healing power.***

- Silent prayer for others and ourselves. A candle is lit. -

Pastor: Wise and Eternal Father, thank You for knowing what can be taken away and what must be endured. How marvelous that we can turn to You, the maker and experiencer of bodily, emotional, and spiritual existence. Comfort us and heal us, our families, and our communities in accordance with Your perfect will.

### **PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION**

Reader: Help us Lord to meditate on Your Word. May these Scriptures come alive to us and inspire us with Your intended purposes. May we glean from these words Your ways of love and seek to ever serve You. In Jesus' Name. Amen.

### **SCRIPTURE READING**

#### **Psalms 79:1-9**

1-2 O God, the nations have invaded your inheritance; they have defiled your holy temple, they have reduced Jerusalem to rubble. They have left the dead bodies of your servants as food for the birds of the sky, the flesh of your own people for the animals of the wild.

***3-4 They have poured out blood like water all around Jerusalem, and there is no one to bury the dead. We are objects of contempt to our neighbors, of scorn and derision to those around us.***

5 How long, Lord? Will you be angry forever? How long will your jealousy burn like fire?

**6-7 *Pour out your wrath on the nations that do not acknowledge you, on the kingdoms that do not call on your name; for they have devoured Jacob and devastated his homeland.***

8-9 Do not hold against us the sins of past generations; may your mercy come quickly to meet us, for we are in desperate need. Help us, God our Savior, for the glory of your name; deliver us and forgive our sins for your name's sake.

***ALL: This is the Word of the Lord. Amen.***

### **Luke 16:1-13**

1-2 Jesus told his disciples: "There was a rich man whose manager was accused of wasting his possessions. So he called him in and asked him, 'What is this I hear about you? Give an account of your management, because you cannot be manager any longer.'

**3-4 *"The manager said to himself, 'What shall I do now? My master is taking away my job. I'm not strong enough to dig, and I'm ashamed to beg— I know what I'll do so that, when I lose my job here, people will welcome me into their houses.'***

5-6 "So he called in each one of his master's debtors. He asked the first, 'How much do you owe my master?' " "Nine hundred gallons of olive oil,' he replied. "The manager told him, 'Take your bill, sit down quickly, and make it four hundred and fifty.'

**7 *"Then he asked the second, 'And how much do you owe?' " "A thousand bushels of wheat,' he replied. "He told him, 'Take your bill and make it eight hundred.'***

8-9 "The master commended the dishonest manager because he had acted shrewdly. For the people of this world are more shrewd in dealing with their own kind than are the people of the light. I tell you, use worldly wealth to gain friends for yourselves, so that when it is gone, you will be welcomed into eternal dwellings.

**10-12 *"Whoever can be trusted with very little can also be trusted with much, and whoever is dishonest with very little will also be dishonest with much. So if you have not been trustworthy in handling worldly wealth, who will trust you with true riches? And if you have not been trustworthy with someone else's property, who will give you property of your own?"***

13 "No one can serve two masters. Either you will hate the one and love the other, or you will be devoted to the one and despise the other. You cannot serve both God and money."

***ALL: Thanks be to God. Amen.***

**MESSAGE** “Customer Service” Kellan Sarles, Lay Pastor

**THE APOSTLES’ CREED** (see below)

**OFFERING** “God, Whose Giving Knows No Ending”

*God, Whose giving knows no ending, from Your rich and endless store,  
Nature’s wonder, Jesus’ wisdom, Costly cross, grave’s shattered door:  
Open wide our hands in sharing, as we heed Christ’s ageless call,  
Healing, teaching, and reclaiming, serving You by loving all.*

**DEDICATION** *We know, God, that You test the heart and are pleased with integrity. Please use to Your glory what we have given willingly and with honest intent. It is with joy we have seen how good it is to give to You. LORD, keep this joy in our hearts forever, and keep our hearts loyal to You. Amen.*

**CLOSING HYMN** #724 “O Jesus, I Have Promised”.

**BENEDICTION**

*May we all know the deep peace of the running wave,  
The deep peace of the flowing air,  
The deep peace of the quiet earth,  
The deep peace of the shining stars,  
And the deep peace of the Son of Peace, both now and forever. Amen*

**POSTLUDE** “The Rejoicing” by G.F. Handel Seth Maples, organ

**ERIN PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH VISION STATEMENT**

*Unified in Christ, we actively seek to create harmony in a  
diverse community through compassion, mutual respect and love.*

## 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 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 the saints;  
the forgiveness of sins;  
the resurrection of the body;  
and the life everlasting. Amen.

# Pray for one another....

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## FOLLOW-UP READINGS

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY
Isaiah 60:10-22	Isaiah 61:1-11	Isaiah 62:1-12	Isaiah 63:1-9
2 Corinthians 5:11-21	2 Corinthians 6:1-18	2 Corinthians 7:1-16	2 Corinthians 8:1-11
FRIDAY		SATURDAY	SUNDAY
Isaiah 63:10-19		Isaiah 64:1-12	Psalms 91:1-6, 14-16
2 Corinthians 8:12-24		2 Corinthians 9:1-15	Luke 16:19-31

### BIBLE VERSE OF THE WEEK

***Psalm 79:5 "How long, Lord? Will you be angry forever? How long will your jealousy burn like fire?"***

During some hard times, the Jewish people often recited psalms of lament to God. Like us, they found it difficult to endure trouble, pain, and suffering, especially if it lasted a long time. Their songs of lament were heartfelt pleas and prayers to God to change their circumstances and brighten their future. They still maintained their faith, despite their troubles, which is something that we can all learn from, especially during these trying times.