

Our most gracious heavenly Father,

We stand here this morning and acknowledge that we are Your people, Your children, Your creation. We have experienced much this past week and know that much is in store for us in the days ahead.

We ask for Your forgiveness for sins committed against You and others. We ask for Your restoration, though we cannot claim a right to it. We stand expectant and confident upon Your promise in Christ, that forgiveness and restoration have been secured by Him.

As our community celebrates Labor Day, we recognize that we are the product of Your hand. You created us in Your image, and are even now restoring that image, by grace, in Christ. You created us for good works, so that the heavenlies and our neighbors may see them and glorify You. You have called us as laborers into the field, so that lost souls may be saved by Jesus. Yet, You know that we often grow weary and struggle. We grow intimidated and distracted. We ask for strength and zeal. We ask for determination and love. We ask for truth and compassion. For these are necessary if we are to not grow weary in well doing.

May this time of worship be pleasing to You. Send Your Spirit upon us as we sing praises to You and anticipate Your Word.

In Jesus' name we pray, Amen.



(Senior Pastor Doug Richey / Sunday, September 4, 2022)