



SPIRITUAL, NOT RELIGIOUS
THE ESSENCE OF THE LORD'S PRAYER

A Service of Song, Word, & Table
June 22, 2025

* Please rise in body or spirit.

WELCOME

PRELUDE The Lord's Prayer Albert Hay Malotte Marshal Hollingsworth,
baritone

OPENING MEDITATION / ACTIVATION

As you come into worship this morning, you're invited to write your name on one of the index cards provided. During the singing of our first hymn, *For the Healing of the Nations*, you're invited to bring your many names forward to place on the bare communion table. Before we celebrate the mystery of Holy Communion, this table will be transformed especially for those gathered here on this day.

A WAY OF PRAYER

Aramaic Translation

Source: Neil Douglas-Klotz, *Prayers of the Cosmos*

O Birther! Father-Mother of the Cosmos
Focus your Light within us—make it useful:
Create your reign of unity now—
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.
Loose the cords of mistakes binding us,
As we release the strands we hold of others' guilt.

Don't let surface things delude us.
But free us from what holds us back.
From you is born all shaping 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 they be the ground from which all
My actions grow: Amen.

HYMN For the Healing of the Nations UMH 428

A READING FROM THE GOSPEL **Luke 8:26-39**

This is the Word of God for the People of God.
Thanks be to God!

MUSICAL RESPONSE Word of God, Come Down on Earth (vs 1,3) UMH 182

HOMILY “What’s in a Name?”

MUSICAL RESPONSE

(8:30) There is a Balm in Gilead (vs 1) UMH 375
(11:00) In the Garden arr. Mark Hayes Chancel Choir

CALL TO CONFESSION AND RECEPTION OF PARDON

Loving and holy God, we confess that we hold tightly to our pride and resist your transforming grace. You offer us freedom and a welcome place in your family, yet we struggle, trying to earn what you have already given. We cling to our old ways of doing and thinking. You call us your beloved children. Help us hear and claim our new identity. Free us from the bonds of limited imagination and empower us to thrive in your life of faith and grace. We pray in Jesus' name. Amen.

Children of God: Faith has come, and we are free. Receive your forgiveness today. **Amen.**

PASSING OF THE PEACE

REGATHERING HYMN Lord, Listen to Your Children Praying TFWS 2193

INVITATION TO OFFERING & CHURCH ANNOUNCEMENTS

OFFERTORY PRAYER

Gracious and transforming God, you clothe us in grace and love. Receive these gifts as signs of our desire to live into Christ's vision of your beloved community. Baptized into your peace and justice, may we shed old divisions and embrace the unity you intend for all people. Use these offerings to build bridges, mend hearts, and proclaim that in Christ, all are one—equal,

cherished, and free. May our giving reflect the boundless love you pour into us. We pray this in the name of the one who makes us whole. Amen.

OFFERTORY Day By Day arr. Mark Hayes. Good News

*** DOXOLOGY**

UMH 94

Praise God, From Whom All Blessings Flow

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

“God created the world — the plants and the trees.
The fish and all the animals were given a name.
And each person, young and old, had a special name:
Ruth, Samuel, Joshua, Hannah.”*

And you were given a name — a special name.
Names like:

(Read names from table.)

Jesus calls each of us by name.
Just as called the twelve apostles:
“first, Simon, who is called Peter; and Andrew his brother;
James the son of Zebedee; and John his brother; Philip; and Bartholomew;
Thomas; and Matthew the tax collector; James the son of Alphaeus; and Thaddaeus.”**

Jesus didn’t limit his ministry to these twelve.
He called Mary and Martha.
He called Lazarus and those whose names were never written down.
Jesus called the Watchtower, Mary of Magdala, the One who wept at the tomb, protected the peace, engaged the Gardener, and first witnessed the resurrection.
Jesus knows all their names, and invited them to wrestle all night long with what it means to love and serve our God in this time and in this place.
And each time, just as the angel asked, he said, “Tell me your name.”
Beloved in Christ, say your name. Say your name aloud.

(Pause to let every worshipper say their names.)

Jesus calls you to this table.
Jesus calls you to fill your hunger and your thirst for righteousness.
Come to this table and know that God is good.

And so, with your people and your creatures 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.**

For this is the the good news that Jesus shared with his friends in that upper room.
He gathered those wrestling people together and...
The Lord Jesus, on the eve of His crucifixion,

gathered his friends for a meal.
During supper, he took a loaf of bread, and gave thanks for it.
Then he broke it and passed it among them with these words:
This is my body which is broken for you.
Take, eat and remember me.
After the meal, Jesus took a cup of wine and gave thanks for it.
Then he passed it among them with these words:
This is my blood which is shed for you.
Take, drink and remember me.
So now, we eat and we drink, and we remember Jesus
and the Divine Love he showed us.
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.

Holy God, descend your Spirit upon these gifts of grain and grape
that they might be for us the presence of the living Christ
and pour out your Spirit upon us
so that we might taken, blessed, broken and distributed
so that others might know the blessings
of living in communion with you and one another.
Through Christ, with Christ and in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
all glory and honor are yours Almighty God, now and forever.

R3 Amen, amen, amen.

MUSIC AT COMMUNION

(8:30) Dr. Dan Cummings, piano

(11:00) Be Known to Us Carl Stenger Chancel Choir

Prayer after Communion (Unison)

God of Many Names, we give you thanks for this holy mystery of bread and cup.
We give thanks that you have called us each by name — to sustain and redeem us.
May go from this table to dine at other tables to celebrate in this mystery,
in the name of Jesus Christ, our Sustainer and Redeemer. Amen.

INVITATION TO CHRISTIAN DISCIPLESHIP

*** SENDING HYMN** Sent Forth By God's Blessing UMH 664

*** BENEDICTION**

Children of God, there is nothing to keep you from loving God and loving your neighbor. You
are beloved, and you belong to Christ. You are claimed by God's love, redeemed by Christ's life,
and set free to serve in the power of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

POSTLUDE

Dr. Dan Cummings