



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

A Service of Song, Word, & Table
August 3, 2025

* Please rise in body or spirit.

WELCOME

(11:00) “Just Jazz” Preservice Music

Robert Lah, Piano; David Parlato, Bass; Cal Haines, Drums)

Jazz to Go (Linda Davidson, Flute;

Eclypso
Summertime
Blue Rondo Ala Turk

Flannigan
Gershwin
Brubeck/Arr. Lah

PRELUDE

(8:30) Dr. Dan Cummings

(11:00) Loving Spirit

Copes –Murphy/Arr. Lah

Jazz to Go

OPENING MEDITATION

A WAY OF PRAYER

(with responses)

Eternal Spirit, Life-Giver, Pain-Bearer, Love-Maker,

Source of all that is and shall be,

Father and Mother of us all,

Loving God, in whom is heaven:

The Hallowing of your name

echo through the universe!

The way of your Justice be followed by the peoples of the world!

SOURCE: Jim Wallace

Your heavenly Will be done by all created beings!

Your Commonwealth of Peace and Freedom

sustain our hope and come on earth!

With the bread that we need for today,

feed us.

In the hurts we absorb from one another,

forgive us.

In times of temptation and test,

strengthen us.

From trials too great to endure,

spare us.

From the grip of all that is evil,

free us.

For you reign in the glory of the power that is love,

now and for ever. Amen.

HYMN

Ye Servants of God

UMH 181

A READING FROM THE GOSPELS

Luke 12:13-21

This is the Word of God for the People of God.

Thanks be to God!

HOMILY

“Whatever More”

MUSICAL RESPONSE

Take My Life and Let it Be

UMH 399

CALL TO CONFESSION AND RECEPTION OF PARDON

When we could be revived by God's grace, we find ourselves fearing God's judgment, doubting God's joy in us, fearing God has turned away from us. Let us come to the One who heals us and calls each of us by name. Please join me as we pray,

Unison Prayer for Forgiveness

How can we forget them, Calling God, those who have been thrown aside by the world, those whose cries are no longer heard by the powerful? How can we judge them, those who make choices with which we disagree, those who are so different from us? How can we still follow the hurlers of angry words, the purveyors of prejudice?

Continue to teach us better ways of living and doing, God of grace. You gather us from our foolishness, so we might be led into acts of mercy. You redeem us from our mistakes so we might bend down and feed those who hunger for hope. Your compassion, so warm and

tender, is gifted to us through Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior, in whose name we pray.

Silence is kept

Assurance of Pardon

Do not be afraid. More than anything else, God would rather turn fetid swamps into pools of crystal clear water; bonds of sin into cords of compassion; sinners into servants.

God loves us. God forgives us. God lifts us to new life. Thanks be to God. Amen.

PASSING OF THE PEACE

REGATHERING HYMN

Seek Ye First (vs 1) UMH 405

INVITATION TO OFFERING & CHURCH ANNOUNCEMENTS

OFFERTORY PRAYER

We offer not only our gifts, Compassionate God, but our time, so we might spend more moments with the lonely; our words, so the voiceless might be healed; our hands, that the hungry might be fed; our hearts, so that the rejected might find a home. We pray this in the name of Jesus. Amen.

OFFERTORY Come, Ye Blessed Alfred Gaul Brock Willard, tenor

*** DOXOLOGY**

UMH 94

Praise God, From Whom All Blessings Flow

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

May God be with you.

May God also be with you.

People of God, open up your hearts.

We open them to God and one another.

People of God, give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give thanks to the One who offers us lives filled with grace.

When we were children

running footloose through grace,

you loved us, Tender God:

 dappling the night skies

 with the bright stars of morning,

teaching us to walk

 the paths of that first dawn,

telling us of your dreams
for all you created.
When, in our hurry to greet you,
we fell, skinning our knees,
you lifted us up in your arms,
holding us to your cheeks
wet with joy.
When we missed your calling
us to wash up for dinner,
you came and found us,
taking us by the hand
to feed us from Eden's abundance.
But when we grew up,
we knew more than you,
turning to the idols of wealth and power,
who promised to serve us
even as they shackled us;
giving ourselves over
to anxiety's sweet caress.
Yet you are God,
not a foolish human.
You remain in our midst,
not to punish or destroy,
but to reach out
and bring us home to your heart.

Therefore, we joyfully lift our voices,
with those who have gone before us,
and those who stand beside us,
singing our praise for your great love;

**Holy, holy, holy one, God of power and might,
Heaven and earth are full of thy glory.**

Hosanna in the highest! Hosanna in the highest! Hosanna in the highest!

Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord!

Hosanna in the highest! Hosanna in the highest! Hosanna in the highest!

Holy are you, God of infinite tenderness,

and blessed is Jesus Christ,
your Son, our Lord and Savior.
Breaking the enslaving bonds of sin,
 he binds our wounds
 with cords of compassion;
walking with us
when we had lost our way,
 he shows us the paths
 to the kingdom;
stripping himself of glory and honor,
 he clothes us in the new life of faith;
leaving aside his equality with you,
 he became one of us,
 so we might be one with you.

Remembering that you did not give up on us
or hand us over to sin and death
but showered us with your mercy in Christ Jesus,
we take the bread of life and the cup of grace
and joyfully celebrate that mystery we call faith:

**Christ has died, Christ is risen, Christ will come again.
Hosanna in the highest! Hosanna in the highest! Hosanna in the highest!**

Compassionate God,
pour out your gracious Spirit on us,
and on these, your simple gifts.
Fill us with the broken bread
 that we might be made whole;
touch our parched lips
with the cup of salvation,
 so we might proclaim your gospel.
Then send us forth:
 our hearts recoiling
 at the oppression suffered
 by our sisters and brothers;
 our hands willing to build shelter
 for those cast out by the world;
 our arms surrounding
 the lost and the least,
 in the embrace of common humanity.

And when we are clothed with our new self,
when we are united with our sisters and brothers
gathered around the Table of glory,
we will sing our praises to you forever,
God in Community, Holy in One,
as you satisfy the thirsty with your grace,
and fill the hungry with your love.

Traditional Lord's Prayer

Amen, amen, amen.
Hosanna in the highest! (3x)

MUSIC AT COMMUNION

(8:30) Dr. Dan Cummings

(11:00) Dzieuje

Brubeck/Arr. Lah

Jazz to Go

INVITATION TO CHRISTIAN DISCIPLESHIP

* **SENDING HYMN** Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah UMH 127

* **BENEDICTION**

Let us go with God to offer life to those around us.

We will gather up the broken to offer them healing.

Let us go with Jesus to wrap people in hope.

We will reach out to feed the hungry and shelter the homeless.

Let us go with the Spirit to love all those in our midst who have been forgotten.

We will take them in our arms and welcome them to our hearts.

POSTLUDE

(8:30) Dr. Dan Cummings

(11:00) Calypso

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Jazz to Go