



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

**A Service of Song, Word, & Table**  
July 20, 2025

\* Please rise in body or spirit.

## **WELCOME**

**PRELUDE**      Pater Noster      Igor Stravinsky      Chamber Choir

Our Father which art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done in 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. Amen.

## **OPENING MEDITATION**

**A WAY OF PRAYER**

**SOURCE:** *The Message*

Our Father in heaven,  
Reveal who you are.  
Set the world right;  
Do what's best— as above, so below.  
Keep us alive with three square meals.  
Keep us forgiven with you and forgiving others.  
Keep us safe from ourselves and the Devil.  
You're in charge!

You can do anything you want!  
You're ablaze in beauty!  
Yes. Yes. Yes.

**HYMN** Holy God, We Praise Thy Name UMH 79

**A READING FROM THE PROPHETS**

Amos 8:1-12

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

**Thanks be to God!**

**HOMILY**

“The Mark”

**MUSICAL RESPONSE**

Let Us Walk Forth

Karen Marroli

Chamber Choir

**CALL TO CONFESSION AND RECEPTION OF PARDON**

Let us open our hearts and minds to the truth of our lives, and let us offer that truth to God.

*Offer silent prayers of confession..*

Forgive us, O God, when we limit you –  
When we remake you in our image,  
When we claim our causes as your own,  
When we box you in,  
And explain you away,  
And in our attempts at understanding, whittle away all mystery.  
Forgive us for our human impulses, and change us:  
Awaken us to your glory,  
Confound us by your love,  
Shower us with grace so that we will be made new,  
Recreated in your image,  
Grateful for all that we cannot know.  
In the name of Christ, who brought us closer to you, we pray. Amen.

**Assurance of Forgiveness**

Friends, let us proclaim the Good News:

**In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven!**

Let us go out into the world as people made new by God.

**Alleluia! Amen.**

## **PASSING OF THE PEACE**

### **REGATHERING HYMN**

Servant Song (vs 1,6)

TFWS 2222

## **INVITATION TO OFFERING & CHURCH ANNOUNCEMENTS**

### **OFFERTORY PRAYER**

Holy and Reconciling God, in Christ, you have made the invisible visible, bringing us home with love beyond measure. As we offer these gifts, may they reflect our gratitude for your presence in our lives. Use them to build your kingdom, to restore what is broken, and to remind the world of your grace. May our giving be an act of thanksgiving, a sign of the ordinary magic of your love at work among us. In all things, may we live to your glory. Amen.

### **OFFERTORY**

Notre Pere

Maurice Durufle

Chamber Choir

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### **\* DOXOLOGY**

UMH 94

*Praise God, From Whom All Blessings Flow*

## **THE GREAT THANKSGIVING**

May the God who embraces us be with you.

**And also with you.**

Children of God, lift your hearts to the One who makes you welcome in every moment.

**We lift them to the Lord our God who is our host at this meal.**

People of God, offer your praise and thanksgiving to the One who comes bringing new life to us.

**The sad dirges of our lives become praise songs for the One who makes us whole.**

We will thank you forever,  
God of Reconciliation.  
Through your imaginative Word,  
all things were created:  
    summer fruit to tingle our taste buds,  
        and winter's ice sculptures to delight us;  
    spring's breezes to disturb our complacency,  
        and autumn's rainbow leaves  
        to dance across our lawns.  
Offered life in your garden of joy,  
    we took refuge in the world's shadows;  
invited to build a home in your love,  
    we grasped the blocks of betrayal  
        on which to build our false lives;  
chosen to make known your grace for all,  
    we proclaimed the lies of the Evil One.  
Yet, you would not let us wander  
from sin to sin,  
but sent the prophets to speak  
in the presence of the unfaithful,  
of your forgiveness and hope.  
And when our sharp tongues  
slashed their words to ribbons,  
you sent the fullness of your life,  
Jesus the Messiah, to bring us back to you.

And so, we join our voices  
with all who have gone before us  
and all who will come after us,  
singing your praises forever:

**Holy, Holy, Holy, God of every season.  
All creation trusts in your steadfast love.  
Hosanna in the highest!**

**Blessed is the One who comes to proclaim your name.  
Hosanna in the highest!**

Holiness is who you are, Reconciling God,  
and salvation is the blessing we receive  
through Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord.

He came to bear the stain of our lives,  
so we could be made squeaky clean;  
he walked the streets of the world,  
so we no longer needed to shuffle our feet  
in the dust of our failed dreams;  
in his life, death, and resurrection  
he revealed the mystery  
of your glorious hope for us,  
before we had finished  
reading the story.

As we would welcome your loving embrace,  
we would proclaim that faith we for which we long:

**Christ died, suffering for our sake;  
Christ was raised, our servant of resurrection;  
Christ will come, the hope of glory.**

Send your Holy Spirit  
upon the gifts of the bread and the cup,  
and upon those  
who will receive these gifts.  
May the bread which is broken  
make us one with each other;  
may the cup which is shared  
be the healing we need.  
Then, when we be nourished by your grace,  
send us forth to be your servants:  
setting aside our worries  
to welcome the weak and forsaken;  
letting go of our grudges,  
so we may receive  
the grace the stranger brings to us;  
releasing our fears and doubts  
so we may embrace  
your steadfast love.

Then when all time comes to an end,  
and we are brought together at your Table  
through him who reconciled us to you,  
and who holds us together in his grace,

we will sing our praises through all eternity:  
God in Community, Holy in One. Amen.

**MUSIC AT COMMUNION**      Dr. Dan Cummings, piano

**INVITATION TO CHRISTIAN DISCIPLESHIP**

\* **SENDING HYMN**      Here I Am, Lord      UMH 593

\* **BENEDICTION**

God sends us from this place, with our eyes wide open.

**May we see all who hope for healing and for justice.**

Jesus calls us to leave this place to go to listen.

**We will hear the cries of those ignored by the world;**

**we will open ourselves to the anguish of those around us.**

The Spirit challenges us to welcome everyone as our sister and brother.

**May we offer our lives and hearts to all we meet.**

**POSTLUDE**      Dr. Dan Cummings