

Date: June 11, 2023
Season of the Holy Spirit

Prayer of Preparation

Abbe Michel Quoist

I am afraid of saying "Yes," Lord. Where will you take me? I am afraid of drawing the longer straw, I am afraid of signing my name to an unread agreement, I am afraid of the "yes" that entails other "yeses." And yet I am not at peace. You pursue me, Lord, you besiege me...Where shall I hide? I meet you everywhere. Is it then impossible to escape you? But I am afraid to say "Yes," Lord. I am afraid of meeting your eyes, for you can win me...And yet I love you...I worked for you; I gave myself for you. O great and terrible God, what more do you want?

Gathering in the Presence of God

**Please stand as able, in body or in spirit*

Gathering Music

Adagio in G

Albinoni/Hopson

Welcome

***Call to Worship** (responsively)

Liturgist

We are being called to proclaim the good news of Jesus Christ!

Lord, guide our feet as we enter this pathway of service for you.

It's not going to be easy; there are dangers out there!

Lord, help us to face those dangers with powerful faith!

*Hymn

Guide My Feet (v.1,3)

GTG 741

Call to Confession - Invitation to Change

Liturgist

Fear not, for I am with you; be not dismayed, for I am your God; I will strengthen you, I will help you, I will uphold you with my righteous right hand. Trusting in God's steadfast love, let us admit our need to change, first in silent prayer...Let us pray.

Confessing Our Separation from God (unison)

Liturgist

(Written by Dr. Lisa Hancock, Discipleship Ministries)

God who loves us and calls us, we confess that we are not always open to receiving your call on our lives. We make excuses. We choose not to listen. We believe that others would do it better than we can.

Forgive us for all the times we say no--or nothing at all—to your call. We confess that we value the calls of some over others, putting the paths of some up on pedestals while not recognizing the many who answer your call as quiet, behind-the-scenes disciples.

Forgive us, God, and free us to joyfully bear the weight of your call on our lives as members together of the Body of Christ, redeemed and united by your love. Amen.

***Assurance of Forgiveness**

Jesus, Draw Me Close

Rick Founds

Jesus, draw me close; Closer, Lord, to You.

Let the world around me fade away.

Jesus, draw me close;

Closer, Lord, to You.

For I desire to worship and obey.

***Passing the Peace of Christ**

We Hear God's Word

Prayer of Illumination

Liturgist

Hebrew Scripture

Genesis 12:1-9

Liturgist

Source: The Message

Anthem

Pie Jesu

Andre Lloyd Weber

soloists: Sarah Altvater and Greg Wright

Gospel Lesson

Matthew 9:9-13, 18-26

*Source: The Message***Reflection**

The Call to Abram – A Journey of Faith

We Respond to God's Word***Affirmation of Faith** (unison)

Liturgist

(Adapted from the Confession of 1967)

We believe in Jesus Christ, the realization of true humanity. Jesus, a Palestinian Jew, lived among his own people, sharing their needs, temptations, joys, and sorrows. Expressing God's love in word and deed, he became a friend to sinners, and a refuge for those cast aside. Many rejected him and demanded his death, but he gave himself freely, with mercy and love.

God raised this Jesus from the dead, vindicating him as Messiah and Lord. The victim of sin became the victor, conquering death for all people. In Christ Jesus, love gets the final word.

**Joys and Hopes of the People of God &
The Lord's Prayer****Offertory:***Toccata in E Minor*

Johann Pachelbel

The Act of Gratitude***Doxology: An Expression of Faith to God**

GTG 606

Tune: Old Hundredth

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
Praise God, all creatures here below;
Praise God above, ye heav'nly host;
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost!

***Prayer of Thanksgiving (unison)**

Liturgist

God of eternity and God of the next moment: we offer our gifts today having heard your call through Jesus to follow. Remind us again on this day that being a follower doesn't end at the offering plate. There is a weight to this call – one that demands we not only say “yes” to following but that we also say “no” to thousands of things that will lead us away from the discipleship path. Guide us so that we might not wander off that road. In Christ, we pray. Amen.

We Follow God's Word into the World

***Hymn**

Somebody's Knocking at Your Door

GTG 728

***Benediction**

Postlude

Celebration

Charles Callahan

Next Week's Liturgist: Silvia Ritchie

WORSHIP TEAM

Pastor Eddie Jusino

Liturgist: Marylea Franz

Ushers: Dave and Deb Norton

Organist: Georgiana Ibach

Soloist: Sarah Altvater

Greg Wright

AV Tech: Melissa Schrock and Blue Jade

Fellowship Hour hosted by Mission and Outreach Committee

Sarah Altvater, Elsie Marshall, Deb Norton

Sylvia Ritchie and Betty Jean Schwarz

REMEMBER IN PRAYER

We lift up our precious **Mary Boyer** with prayers and supplication to Our Lord Jesus Christ following her admission to Beebe Hospital last week. May the Holy Spirit comfort her and her family and guide the doctors with their diagnosis and treatment recommendations for a complete recovery.

Teri Eros has asked for prayers for her sister, **Barbara**, who is in the hospital with a serious knee infection.

We lift up **Ryan Schamberger**, a friend of Diana Green's son. Ryan was seriously injured in a hit and run collision while on his bike. He was found, rescued by EMS and taken to the hospital, where he remains. Diana reports that he is improving. We implore our Merciful God to tend to his injuries, give him strength to fight his way back and empower him with fortitude for the road to recovery. May his friends and family receive the comfort of the Holy Spirit, as they offer help and support throughout his journey ahead.

May our dear friends, Don Foraker, Jean Witmer, Faith Duncan, Sid Simone, Mary Boyer, and Bill and Sandra Hrin be comforted and uplifted by our prayers and supplications to Our Lord Jesus Christ for their loss of a family member or friend.

CONGREGATIONAL LIFE ANNOUNCEMENTS

Our Faith Formation Team Ministry is very excited about
this year's offerings.

"THESE DAYS, DAILY DEVOTIONS FOR LIVING BY FAITH" Pick up the new issue in the narthex (or order from <https://www.pcusastore.com>). We anticipate that using this resource on a daily basis will keep us all in

conversation with Sunday morning worship proclamations of the Word throughout the week.

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 14 @ 10AM – PICTURING SCRIPTURE Alan Keohane concludes his Picturing Scripture series on Wednesday, June 14 using the arts to inspire deeper engagement with a focus on the Gospel accounts of Jesus' life, death and resurrection.

SUNDAY, JUNE 18 @ 10am – FATHERS' DAY with SUNDAY SERVICE AND FELLOWSHIP. We are looking forward to the Westminster Chimes participation in June 18th worship service. Fellowship will be hosted by the Mission and Outreach Committee.

We need your help providing parking on the church lawn for those who are physically challenged. Please try to park on the side streets near the church so we can offer parking availability to those who need it most. Note that Sunday parking around the church will not be ticketed until 12:00. Thank you for your caring support for your church family.



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paper towels
toilet paper
dish/laundry detergent
hand soap
travel-size
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Food:

peanut butter
jelly
egg noodles
canned tuna
canned spaghetti
(pull-off tabs, if possible)

