

19th Sunday after Pentecost – October 3rd, 2021; 9:15 AM

Gathering Music & Announcements

Call to Worship

The peace of the Lord Jesus Christ be with you.

And also with you.

Blessed be the one holy and living God.

Glory to God for ever and ever. Amen.

Opening Hymn*

Open My Eyes, That I May See

UMH 454

Opening Prayer (Unison, Catherine Wilson)

Loving God, in the height of this day we pause to rest in you. Quiet our minds that they may be still, fill our hearts that we may abide in love and trust. Christ, as a light illumine and guide me. Christ, as a shield overshadow me. Christ under me; Christ over me; Christ beside me on my left and my right.

Hymn

Sanctuary

TFWS 2164

Lord, prepare me to be a sanctuary, pure and holy, tried and true.

With thanksgiving, I'll be a living sanctuary for you.

Special Music

Centering Prayer (David Adam)

Be still and know that I am God. Psalm 46:10

I weave a silence on to my lips
I weave a silence onto my mind
I weave a silence within my heart
I close my ears to distractions
I close my eyes to attractions
I close my heart to temptations

Calm me, O LORD, as you stilled the storm
Still me, O LORD, keep me from harm
Let all tumult within me cease
Enfold me, LORD, in your peace. **Amen.**

Silent Prayer

Hymn Response

Spirit of the Living God (2X)

UMH 393

And when you pray, do not be like the hypocrites, for they love to pray standing in the synagogues and on the street corners to be seen by others. Truly I tell you, they have received their reward in full. But when you pray, go into your room, close the door and pray to your Father, who is unseen. Then, your Father, who sees what is done in secret, will reward you. And when you pray, do not keep on babbling like pagans, for they think they will be heard because of their many words. Do not be like them, for your Father knows what you need before you ask him.

This then is how you should pray:

Our Father in heaven, hallowed be thy name,
Your kingdom come, your will be done,
On earth as it is in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread.
And forgive us our debts, as we also have forgiven our debtors.
And lead us not into temptation but deliver us from the evil one.

For if you forgive other people when they sin against you, your heavenly Father will also forgive you. But if you do not forgive others their sins, your Father will not forgive your sins.

Hymn *Seek Ye First* UMH 405

Sermon Centering Prayer Rev. Byron E. Brought

Special Organ Music

Communion & The Lord's Prayer

Hymn* *Sweet Hour of Prayer* UMH 496

Benediction

Thank you for your continued faithfulness to God through your prayers, your presence,
your gifts, your service, and your witness.

Love as Jesus Loves!

Learning to Pray Sermon Series Five New Ways to Pray

Imagination – Imagining Yourself in the Bible

Lectio Divina – A Sacred Reading of Scripture

Examen – A Daily Inward Look

Centering Prayer – Finding God in that Quiet Room

Nature Prayers – Finding God in Nature

Continuing Prayers

Art Benson, Paul Bowden, Pat Grahe, Stephanie Juchs Heidbreder, Nancy Jenkins, Wes Jenkins, Emmanuel Kai, Lynn King, Tim Knabe, Carol Lingelbach, Ted Lingelbach, Dick Moen, Sally Moen, Alice Paradise, Jack Potter, Pat Potter, Shirley Renshaw, Annie Stearn, Ron Stearn, Jackie Waltemeyer, Mike Wolf, Shirley Yantz

Open My Eyes, That I May See

Open my eyes, that I may see glimpses of truth thou hast for me;
Place in my hands the wonderful key that shall unclasp and set me free.

Silently now I wait for thee, ready, my God, thy will to see.
Open my eyes, illumine me, Spirit divine!

Open my ears, that I may hear voices of truth thou sendest clear;
And while the wave notes fall on my ear, everything false will disappear.
Silently now I wait for thee, ready my God, thy will to see.
Open my ears, illumine me, Spirit divine!

Open my mouth, and let me bear gladly the warm truth everywhere;
open my heart and let me prepare love with thy children thus to share.

Silently now I wait for thee, ready, my God, thy will to see.
Open my heart, illumine me, Spirit divine.

Sanctuary

Lord, prepare me to be a sanctuary, pure and holy, tried and true.
With thanksgiving, I'll be a living sanctuary for you.

Spirit of the Living God

Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me. Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me.
Melt me, mold me, fill me, use me. Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me.

Seek Ye First

Seek ye first the kingdom of God and his righteousness, and all these things shall be added unto you. Allelu, alleluia!

Ask, and it shall be given unto you; seek and ye shall find; knock, and the door shall be opened unto you. Allelu, alleluia!

Sweet Hour of Prayer

Sweet hour of prayer! Sweet hour of prayer! That calls me from a world of care, and bids me at my Father's throne make all my wants and wishes known.

In seasons of distress and grief, my soul has often found relief, and oft escaped the tempter's snare by thy return, sweet hour of prayer!

Sweet hour of prayer! Sweet hour of prayer! The joys I feel, the bliss I share of those whose anxious spirits burn with strong desires for thy return!

With such I hasten to the place where God my Savior shows his face, and gladly take my station there, and wait for thee, sweet hour of prayer!

Sweet hour of prayer! Sweet hour of prayer! Thy wings shall my petition bear to him whose truth and faithfulness engage the waiting soul to bless.

And since he bids me seek his face, believe his word, and trust his grace, I'll cast on him my every care, and wait for thee, sweet hour of prayer!