



Week 7

Monday, October 3, 2022

"Do not be anxious about anything, but in every situation, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God. And the peace of God, which transcends all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus."

Ephesians 4:6-7

Gracious Lord,

You tell us "do not be anxious about anything," yet this decision we now face breeds anxiety. We are distressed at what the months ahead may bring - for our church home, our church family and all the relationships involved. While we understand the necessity of our choice, we dread the implications and loss it may bring. We look to You. Where else can we turn? Only Your grace and power can bring blessing from this situation. Your faithfulness will not change. Your will be done. Your peace is coming. Your love will remain. We thank you, Lord. Amen.

Question to ponder this week: *God, what is Your will for LHUMC?*

Tuesday, October 4, 2022

“And I am convinced that nothing can ever separate us from God’s love. Neither death nor life, neither angels nor demons, neither our fears for today nor our worries about tomorrow—not even the powers of hell can separate us from God’s love. No power in the sky above or in the earth below—indeed, nothing in all creation will ever be able to separate us from the love of God that is revealed in Christ Jesus our Lord.”

Romans 8:38-39

God of Love,

Lord Jesus, help us to claim this promise that because of You our fears for today and our worries for tomorrow will never separate us from God’s love. Holy Spirit, relieve us of our baggage of old repented sin that still creeps into our thoughts and separates us from experiencing God’s love. God help us to surrender completely to you, putting aside all else except Your words and Your will. In the name of Christ Jesus our Lord. Amen.

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Wednesday, October 5, 2022

“Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.”

Matthew 6:9-10

Our Father in heaven,

Great is Your name and to You be all the glory. We praise You for Your greatness and Your incomparable power and love. We pray that Your kingdom will come in power upon this earth. And we pray that Your will be done upon the earth, in our community, in our church, in our families and in our individual lives. Lord lead us to what Your perfect will is for us. Help us to see it, accept it, and act on it so that Your kingdom may spread, and Your name be made great. In Jesus name we pray, Amen.

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Thursday, October 6, 2022

“Instead, speaking the truth in love, we will in all things grow up into him who is the Head, that is, Christ. From him the whole body, joined and held together by every supporting ligament, grows and builds itself up in love, as each part does its work.”

Ephesians 4:15-16

Lord Jesus,

As this body joins together may we always build one another up in love as we each do our part of Your work. Holy Spirit, give us understanding that the One who unites us is greater than the issues that divide us. Free us to continue working side by side, ligament by ligament to be the hands and feet of Jesus in our community. All knowing God, give us the faith in Your faithfulness to us, to trust You completely and shed our fears, egos, biases, pre-determined conclusions and discern Your will for LHUMC.

In the great uniting name of Jesus, we pray. Amen.

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Friday, October 7, 2022

“We demolish the arguments and every pretension that sets itself up against the knowledge of God, and we take captive every thought to make it obedient to Christ.”

2 Corinthians 10:5

Holy God and Father,

You have loved us with an everlasting love, holding us in Your everlasting arms. Through Jesus, we are given eternal comfort and hope by Your unfailing love, mercy and grace. Jesus, help us to hold fast to Your truth and holy teachings. Remind us that the traditions and doctrines we hold dear have been passed down long ago with the early apostles. Lead us away from our self-centered nature and turn us to You. Holy Spirit, strengthen us in our desire to seek God’s wisdom and take captive every thought to make it obedient to Christ. In His precious name, Amen.

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Saturday, October 8, 2022

"Be still, and know that I am God."

Psalm 46:10

Holy God,

Quiet my distracted mind so that my focus is entirely on you. Guide me to reflect on these 40 days of prayers with Your church body in personal quiet and solitude today. Help me to hear the soft, gentle whisper of Your will God, nothing more, nothing less and nothing else.

Spend this prayer time today reflecting on how God has moved in you during our time of community prayer. Listen for His still small voice.

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Sunday, October 9, 2022

We worship, pray and discern together

12:00 N Potluck in the Great Hall, bring your favorite salad, side or dessert