

40 Days of Prayer

LHUMC Community of Faith

Monday, August 22, 2022

"I am the Alpha and the Omega, the First and the Last, the Beginning and the End."

Revelation 22:13

Father God,

You are all-knowing in all things. You knew us before you formed us in our Mother's womb, you numbered the hairs on our head, and you knew we would be at this place of uncertainty at this exact time. Thank you that we can rest in the certainty of your love for us through your Son, Jesus Christ and the gift of our Comforter, the Holy Spirit. You, Lord, are our Rock and our refuge, our help in time of trouble and we seek your face now as we enter this season of prayer and discernment. Guide us to lean into you and your word, to love one another in community as we navigate these waters together. In Jesus' name, Amen.

Question to ponder this week: *Where do I see God at work today?*

Tuesday, August 23, 2022

"The fear of the LORD is the beginning of wisdom; a good understanding have all those who do His commandments. His praise ensures forever."

Psalm 111:10

Gracious and Wise King,

You are all powerful, all knowing and always present in our lives, our church and our world. We thank You for Your unfailing love, abiding grace and enduring faithfulness displayed to us through Your Son our Savior Jesus Christ. We come before Your presence as a people of faith with humble and reverent hearts to worship and adore You.

Holy Spirit, we acknowledge that we need Your wisdom, guidance and knowledge as we seek the Father's good and perfect will in our lives and in the life of our church. Heavenly Father, we want to know Your will, Your ways and Your timing. We want to know Your heart before we move ahead. We trust You, knowing that You hold our future and the future of our church in the palm of Your hand. Loving God, thank You for all You have already done in and through this church these last 65 years and all You will continue to do to build Your church for God's kingdom, glory and praise. We ask this in the name of our Triune King – Father, Son and Holy Spirit. Amen.

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Wednesday, August 24, 2022

"Look to the Lord and His strength; seek His face always."

Psalm 105:4

Heavenly Father,

You are ever-present in our lives. We are so thankful that when we seek You, You let us find You in the small and quiet moments of our day. We come seeking Your face today. We want to see You and know You in more intimate and deeper ways. Holy Spirit, enable us to see Your face in the lives of those around us. Help us to love as You love and to reflect Christ's light, grace and beauty to all we encounter. Lord Jesus, strengthen us and transform us to be like You and to reflect Your image to a world that needs to see the truth of who You are. We ask this in the mighty name of Jesus. Amen.

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Thursday, August 25, 2022

"For the Lord gives wisdom; from His mouth come knowledge and understanding."

Proverbs 2:6

All Knowing God,

You know the end from the beginning, and we praise You for it. We thank You for speaking forth wisdom through the life, death and resurrection of Your Son our Savior Jesus Christ. Lord Jesus, lead us deeper into Your Living Word where we can know true wisdom by following in Your ways and knowing Your heart. Holy Spirit, speak into our lives what is true, right, praiseworthy and lovely. Then use us to go into the world with a heart of love, gentleness, grace and mercy. May we reflect Your wisdom and understanding in how we live and how we love others. In the name of Jesus, the Christ. Amen.

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Friday, August 26, 2022

“For this reason, ever since I heard about your faith in the Lord Jesus and your love for all the saints, I have not stopped giving thanks for you, remembering you in my prayers. I keep asking that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the glorious Father, may give you the Spirit of wisdom and revelation, so that you may know him better. I also pray that the eyes of your heart may be enlightened in order that you may know the hope to which he has called you, the riches of his glorious inheritance in the saints, and his incomparably great power for us who believe.

Ephesians 1:15-19

Father of Glory,

You alone are worthy of all praise and glory! We thank You for the privilege of worshipping and serving You at LHUMC. We thank You for this community of faith that believes in the ways of our Lord Jesus Christ and loves Your saints both here and around the world. We thank You for all the members of this family of faith. Lord Jesus, give us as Your people a spirit of wisdom and revelation that we might know You more intimately. Holy Spirit, open the eyes of our understanding that we might know the hope of our calling, that we might receive all the riches of our inheritance in You, and we might experience in greater ways the power of Christ’s resurrection that lives within us. May we not keep this indescribable gift to ourselves but live it out in a world that needs to know Your powerful wisdom, love and grace. In Jesus’ mighty name. Amen

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Saturday, August 27, 2022

“Even now, declares the LORD, return to me with all your heart, with fasting and weeping and mourning. Rend your heart and not your garments. Return to the LORD your God, for he is gracious and compassionate, slow to anger and abounding in love, and he relents from sending calamity.”

Joel 2:12-14

Gracious and Merciful God,

You are slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love. We praise You for Your display of loving-kindness towards us. Thank You for not dealing with us according to our sins but according to Your great mercy and grace in Jesus Christ. We come to You with our whole hearts and not with any external merits on our own. Holy Spirit, reveal the parts of our hearts that we have not surrendered completely to You and illuminate the sins we frequently ignore. In mourning and weeping, we repent of our sins and ask that You renew us again according to Your *chesed* — Your covenant love and kindness. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

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