Prayer for Illumination

Gracious God, open our hearts and minds to Your Word. Help us recognize Your presence in ordinary moments, see Your grace in the people around us, and respond with love in all we do. Amen.

Matthew 25:31–46 NRSVUE

31 “When the Son of Man comes in his glory and all the angels with him, then he will sit on the
throne of his glory. 32 All the nations will be gathered before him, and he will separate people one
from another as a shepherd separates the sheep from the goats, 33 and he will put the sheep at his
right hand and the goats at the left. 34 Then the king will say to those at his right hand, ‘Come, you
who are blessed by my Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the
world, 35 for I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink,
I was a stranger and you welcomed me, 36 I was naked and you gave me clothing, I was sick and
you took care of me, I was in prison and you visited me.’ 37 Then the righteous will answer him,
‘Lord, when was it that we saw you hungry and gave you food or thirsty and gave you something to
drink? 38 And when was it that we saw you a stranger and welcomed you or naked and gave you
clothing? 39 And when was it that we saw you sick or in prison and visited you?’ 40 And the king will
answer them, ‘Truly I tell you, just as you did it to one of the least of these brothers and sisters of
mine, you did it to me.’ 41 Then he will say to those at his left hand, ‘You who are accursed, depart
from me into the eternal fire prepared for the devil and his angels, 42 for I was hungry and you gave
me no food, I was thirsty and you gave me nothing to drink, 43 I was a stranger and you did not
welcome me, naked and you did not give me clothing, sick and in prison and you did not visit me.’
44 Then they also will answer, ‘Lord, when was it that we saw you hungry or thirsty or a stranger or
naked or sick or in prison and did not take care of you?’ 45 Then he will answer them, ‘Truly I tell
you, just as you did not do it to one of the least of these, you did not do it to me.’ 46 And these will
go away into eternal punishment but the righteous into eternal life.”

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

Thanks Be to God!

Observation:_____

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Matthew 25:35

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†OPENING PRAISE SONG *“Almighty”* — **Lighthouse Praise Band**

CHILDREN’S TIME — **Christy Firmin, Children Director**

CHILDREN’S SONG *“The Solid Rock” (chorus)*

PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS



OFFERTORY SONG *“The Solid Rock”*

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

THE LORD’S PRAYER — **On Screen**

CENTERING SONG *“Open the Eyes of My Heart”* — **On Screen**

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INVITATION TO DISCIPLESHIP

†CLOSING SONG *“Soon and Very Soon”* — **On Screen**

†DISMISSAL WITH BLESSINGS

Altar Flowers given by Jeannie Cluiss

"Oh give thanks to the Lord, for He is good;
for His steadfast love endures forever!"
Psalm 118:1

Lighthouse Praise Band

Paul Villarreal, Band Director

Amanda Mendez, Eddie Garcia, George Husted, Hunter Henne,
Lalo Garza, Lee Dykes, Mallory Cluiss, Maren Jones, Syndi Vo

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PRELUDE *"The King of Love My Shepherd Is"* — **Kay Carlson, Accompanist**

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†OPENING HYMN UMH #131 *“ We Gather Together”* — **On Screen**

†STATEMENT OF FAITH FROM THE CHURCH OF CANADA — **On Screen**

†GLORIA PATRI UMH #70 *“Glory Be to The Father”* — **On Screen**

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OFFERTORY *"Faith of Our Fathers"* — **Kay Carlson, Accompanist**

†DOXOLOGY UMH #94 *“Praise God, From Whom All Blessings Flow”* — **On Screen**

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CHORAL ANTHEM *“Thy Word”* — **Chancel Choir**

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†CLOSING HYMN UMH #694 *“Come, Ye Thankful People, Come”* — **On Screen**

†DISMISSAL WITH BLESSINGS

POSTLUDE *"A Mighty Fortress Is Our God”* — **Kay Carlson, Accompanist**

Chancel Choir

Nick Lopez, Director. Kay Carlson & Tanya Stegall, Accompanists
Dean Atkinson, Jamey Mobley, Barbara Mobley, David Tiner, Roylene Tiner,
Kay Carlson, Gail McCleese, Anne Mott, Jeannie Cluiss, Terri Guinn, Susan Wayne,
Pam Jorgensen, Fred Miller, Jason Dykehouse, Bill Kinney