



ORDER OF WORSHIP | SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 13, 2020 | 10 A.M ONLINE

Worship online at gpch.org

Welcome

Family Time

Ivy Castle Simpson , Creative Arts Associate; and Amber Sheffield, Student Ministries Associate

Great Things

Hymn: *It Is Well With My Soul*

Morning Prayer

Elder Wayne Parchman

Holy Spirit, Have Your Way

Expressing our Gratitude

Nancy Bailey, Mobilization Specialist
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Deep River (Mary Jordan)
Alphonso Seals, tenor

Sermon Text

Matthew 6:9-13

Sermon

Saturated with Kingdom Prayer
The Rev. Chris French, Missional Living Pastor

The Lord's Prayer Liturgy

Benediction

Postlude

Sweet Hour of Prayer (arr. Hayes)

Grace *at home*

HOUSE WORSHIP LITURGY | SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 13, 2020

Invitation and Gathering

Consider lighting a candle to signal that worship has begun and that God is present wherever and whenever two or more gather in God's name. When we gather for worship we acknowledge that God is the one who gathers us together.

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Application Questions

- 1) How can practicing the Lord's Prayer enrich and deepen the relationship God has with you?
 - discussing union/connection with God
 - trying to help point people to wrestle with God as reverent King and heavenly Father
- 2) How can practicing the Lord's Prayer bring you into deeper connection and community with other believers?
 - discussing union/connection with fellow believers
 - trying to help point people to wrestle with not only praying for the kingdom of God but also embodying it in word and deed with other believers
- 3) What part of the Lord's Prayer could you focus on this week to equip you to more fully live into having a Kingdom Prayer perspective and posture?
 - discussing union/connection with God's mission—the Kingdom of God on earth as it is in Heaven.
 - trying to help point people to wrestle with not only praying for the kingdom of God but also living it out in word and deed in the 40 square miles around Grace and beyond.

Call to Prayer

The psalmist models a transparent faith with these words:

Search me, O God, and know my heart;
Test me and know my thoughts.
See if there is any wicked way in me,
And lead me in the way everlasting.

We express our longing for God's leading by our own transparent confession. Let's come before the Lord together in our corporate prayer of confession.

Prayer

Holy and merciful God, in your presence we confess our sinfulness, our shortcomings, and our offenses against you. You alone know how often we have sinned in wandering from your ways, in wasting your gifts, in forgetting your love. Have mercy on us, O Lord,

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for we are ashamed and sorry for all we have done to displease you.
Forgive our sins and help us to live in your light and walk in your ways. Look upon us now with kindness and grace as we bring our silent confessions before you...

Brief time of silence

Lord the world groans for you. The very rocks cry out to you.
Hear our prayers now for those around us in need, for our country,
for this world that you have made and that you love.

(take a few minutes to lift up the needs of the world before God now)

Lord Jesus Christ, have mercy on us, sinners each one. Rule in our homes and in all the world, show us how to walk in your paths, through the mercy of our Savior, Jesus we pray. Amen.

Declaration of Faith

Heidelberg Catechism, Question and Answer #26

*Question: What do you believe when you say,
"I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth"?*

*Answer: I believe that the eternal Father of our Lord Jesus Christ,
who out of nothing created heaven and earth and everything in them,
who still upholds and rules them by his eternal counsel and providence,
is my God and Father because of Christ the Son.*

**I trust God so much that I do not doubt he will provide
whatever I need for body and soul,
and will turn to my good whatever adversity he sends
upon me in this sad world.**

**God is able to do this because he is almighty God
and desires to do this because he is faithful Father.**

Sending

*We do not worship for ourselves alone, but for the sake of the world. God
gathers us, speaks to us, and feeds us so that we might be formed into people
who look and act like Jesus in our everyday lives.*

Benediction

Go now in peace, in the knowledge of God's power.
Go now in confidence, in the knowledge of God's strength.
Go now in joy, in the knowledge of God's love.
Go BE the church! Amen.

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Dig Deeper:

Learn: Pray the Lord's Prayer meditatively every day this week, asking the Lord to form you each day through these words that He prayed and told us to pray. Watch with expectation to see how God uses the powerful words of this prayer to shape and form your own heart.

Follow: Is there a specific part of the Lord's Prayer that you could focus on living out more fully this week? For example, what would it mean for God's Kingdom to come and His will to be done? Choose a line of this prayer to meditate on and ask the Lord through your times of prayer where He is calling you to follow.

Show: This prayer calls us to action. What call to being Jesus' hands and feet to this world do you hear as you pray Jesus' words?

Tell: What might this powerful prayer have to offer to the hurting world around you? Might these words be a balm to a friend or neighbor this week? How might living inside the Lord's Prayer in your own prayer life help propel AND equip you to share God's love with others?