

## **Worship Service on Sunday, July 24, 2022**

**Welcome and Greeting** God is good **all the time**. All the time **God is good**.

**Question of the Day** What kind of pencils? a) carpenter b) colored c) mechanical d) #2

**\*Hymn** "You Are My All in All"

### **\*Call to Worship**

God is eager to restore us to right relationships.

The Creator is waiting to claim us now as God's own.

**We have come to meet the God who welcomes us.**

**We have gathered to experience God's steadfast love.**

Listen, for God will speak to those who want to hear.

Turn your hearts toward the one who saves.

**We bow down to receive God's mercy.**

**We open ourselves to the source of peace.**

God will answer us and will give what is good.

God restores us to faithfulness and righteousness.

**We come asking, searching, and knocking.**

**We seek the good gifts only God can provide.**

### **\*Prayer of Invocation**

**God of Wisdom, you promise to give your Spirit to those who ask. Overwhelm us with your Word, that we may know you more fully, love you more passionately, and follow you more closely; in Jesus' name we pray. Amen.**

### **Psalm 85 *New Revised Standard Version***

LORD, you were favorable to your land; you restored the fortunes of Jacob.

You forgave the iniquity of your people; you pardoned all their sin.

You withdrew all your wrath; you turned from your hot anger.

Restore us again, O God of our salvation, and put away your indignation toward us.

Will you be angry with us forever?

Will you prolong your anger to all generations?

Will you not revive us again, so that your people may rejoice in you?

Show us your steadfast love, O LORD, and grant us your salvation.

Let me hear what GOD the LORD will speak, for he will speak peace to his people,  
to his faithful, to those who turn to him in their hearts.

Surely his salvation is at hand for those who fear him,  
that his glory may dwell in our land.

Steadfast love and faithfulness will meet;  
righteousness and peace will kiss each other.

Faithfulness will spring up from the ground,  
and righteousness will look down from the sky.

The LORD will give what is good, and our land will yield its increase.

Righteousness will go before him, and will make a path for his steps.

### **Luke 11:1-13 *The Message***

One day he was praying in a certain place. When he finished, one of his disciples said,  
"Master, teach us to pray just as John taught his disciples."

So he said, "When you pray, say,  
Father,

Reveal who you are.  
Set the world right.  
Keep us alive with three square meals.  
Keep us forgiven with you and forgiving others.  
Keep us safe from ourselves and the Devil.”

Then he said, “Imagine what would happen if you went to a friend in the middle of the night and said, ‘Friend, lend me three loaves of bread. An old friend traveling through just showed up, and I don’t have a thing on hand.’

“The friend answers from his bed, ‘Don’t bother me. The door’s locked; my children are all down for the night; I can’t get up to give you anything.’

“But let me tell you, even if he won’t get up because he’s a friend, if you stand your ground, knocking and waking all the neighbors, he’ll finally get up and get you whatever you need.

“Here’s what I’m saying:  
Ask and you’ll get;  
Seek and you’ll find;  
Knock and the door will open.

“Don’t bargain with God. Be direct. Ask for what you need. This is not a cat-and-mouse, hide-and-seek game we’re in. If your little boy asks for a serving of fish, do you scare him with a live snake on his plate? If your little girl asks for an egg, do you trick her with a spider? As bad as you are, you wouldn’t think of such a thing – you’re at least decent to your own children. And don’t you think the Father who conceived you in love will give the Holy Spirit when you ask him?”

**Response:** *The Word of God, for the people of God! Thanks be to God!*

**Hymn** “Lord, Listen to Your Children Praying”

**Time of Prayer**

**How Is It With Your Soul?**

**Unison Prayer**

**Teacher and Friend, whose doors are ever open to receive your children, we want to learn from you today how to pray. We long to sense your answering voice when we call. We are eager to receive a response to our earnest requests. We want to persist in prayer amid all the competing distractions of life. We seek this, not just for our own satisfaction, but that the world might become a more wholesome place for all your children.**

*Time of Silent Prayer*

As Jesus taught the first disciples, so we also join in praying:

**The Lord’s Prayer**

**Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come, thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.**

**Answer to the Question of the Day**

**Time of Offering** *Thank you to everyone for your faithful generosity.*

**\*Offering Prayer**

**Holy God, whose name is before all names, we worship you with our offerings. Bless and multiply our efforts, we pray. Amen.**

**\*Song of Offering** “My Gratitude”

**Message** “Teach Us” Rev. Joyce Rich

**\*Commission and Blessing**

With steadfast love and faithfulness, God strengthens you.  
You will receive what you need for each day.

**We will not hesitate to search and ask.**

**We will be persistent in prayer.**

God will answer you and give you what is good.

Doors will be opened and good gifts will be received.

**We rejoice in the opportunities God gives us.**

**May the glory of God be recognized among us!**

Amen. **And Amen.**

**\*Hymn** “Teach Your Children Well”

**Announcements**

**Read For Next Week:** Psalm 107:1-9, 33-43; Luke 12:13-21

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