



## Service of Midday Prayer

Wednesday, July 15, 2020

First Presbyterian Church

### OPENING SENTENCES

Our help is in the name of the Lord *Ps. 124:8*  
**maker of heaven and earth.**

Jesus says: You are the light of the world. *Matt. 5:14, 16*  
**Let your light shine before others.**

Praise the Lord.  
**The Lord's name be praised.**

PSALM  
(Hymn 61)

Psalm 19

Tune: CHRISTUS, DER IST MEIN LEBEN

1. Your law, O Lord, is perfect,  
the simple making wise;  
How pure are your commandments,  
enlightening my eyes.
2. More to be sought than riches,  
your words are my soul's wealth.  
Their taste is sweet like honey,  
imparting life and health.
3. My strength and my redeemer,  
lawgiver and true light,  
My words and meditations,  
make worthy in your sight.

SCRIPTURE Matthew 5: 38-48

The Gospel of the Lord. **May Jesus Christ be praised.**

*Sung Response:*

***You shall not live by bread alone  
But by every word  
That proceeds from the mouth of God  
Allelu, Alleluia!***

REFLECTION

“Love Your Enemies”

Martin Luther King, Jr.

Delivered at Dexter Avenue Baptist Church, Montgomery, November 17, 1957

PRAYERS OF THANKSGIVING AND INTERCESSION AND THE LORD’S PRAYER

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

*Beatitudes for a Matthew 25 Congregation,  
based on Matt. 5:1-12 and the three Matthew 25 priorities of the Presbyterean Church (U.S.A.)*

Blessed are those who serve the poor,  
**they will be called the children of God.**

*Systemic Poverty*

Blessed are those who share the wealth,  
**they will be called the children of God.**

Blessed are those who work for good,  
**they will be called the children of God.**

Blessed are those who open doors,  
**they will be called the children of God.**

*Structural Racism*

Blessed are those who break down walls,  
**they will be called the children of God.**

Blessed are those who challenge hate,  
**they will be called the children of God.**

Blessed are those who live their faith,  
**they will be called the children of God.**

*Congregational Vitality*

Blessed are those who speak the truth,  
**they will be called the children of God.**

Blessed are those who show Christ’s love,  
**they will be called the children of God.**

HYMN 444

*Jesu, Jesu, Fill Us with Your Love*

Tune: CHEREPONI

*Refrain:*

Jesu, Jesu, fill us with your love,  
Show us how to serve  
The neighbors we have from you.

1. Kneels at the feet of his friends,  
Silently washes their feet,  
Master who acts as a slave to them. (Refrain)
2. Neighbors are wealthy and poor,  
Varied in color and race,  
Neighbors are near us and far away. (Refrain)
3. These are the ones we should serve,  
These are the ones we should love,  
All these are neighbors to us and you. (Refrain)
4. Loving puts us on our knees,  
Willing to wash others' feet;  
This is the way we should live like you. (Refrain)

DISMISSAL

God is with us in Jesus Christ.

Matt. 1:23

**Amen.**

Bless the Lord.

**The Lord's name be praised.**