



Service of Midday Prayer

Wednesday, June 2, 2021

First Presbyterian Church, Gathered Online

OPENING SENTENCES

Our help is in the name of the Lord.

Ps. 124:8

Maker of heaven and earth.

The mighty one, God the Lord,
Speaks and summons the earth
From the rising of the sun to its setting.

Ps. 50:1

Praise the Lord.

The Lord's name be praised.

HYMN 403

Open Now Thy Gates of Beauty

UNSER HERRSCHER

1. Open now thy gates of beauty, Zion, let me enter there,
where my soul in joyful duty waits for God who answers prayer;
O how blessed is this place, filled with solace, light, and grace.
2. Gracious God, I come before thee; come thou also unto me;
where we find thee and adore thee, there a heaven on earth must be;
to my heart O enter thou; let it be thy temple now.
3. Speak, O Lord, and I will hear thee; let thy will be done indeed;
may I undisturbed draw near thee, while thou dost thy people feed.
Here of life the fountain flows; here is balm for all our woes.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

based on a prayer of Jerome (c. 342-420)

Lord, the gift of your Word is a light for our path. Help us to study your way and follow your teaching until we know the true Light who has come into the world and will come again in glory: Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

SCRIPTURE LESSON

2 Corinthians 4:13-5:1

For the Word of God in scripture,
For the Word of God among us,
For the Word of God within us,
Thanks be to God.

REFLECTION

PRAYERS OF THANKSGIVING AND INTERCESSION

HYMN 376

When All Is Ended

YOGANANDA

1. When all is ended, time and troubles past,
shall all be mended, sin and death out-cast?
In hope we sing, and hope to sing at last: Alleluia! Alleluia!
2. As in the night, when lightning flickers free,
and gives a glimpse of distant hill and tree,
each flash of good discloses what will be: Alleluia! Alleluia!
3. Against all hope, our weary times have known
wars ended, peace declared, compassion shown,
great days of freedom, tyrants overthrown: Alleluia! Alleluia!
4. Then do not cheat the poor, who long for bread,
with dream-worlds in the sky or in the head,
but sing of slaves set free, and children fed: Alleluia! Alleluia!
5. With earthy faith we sing a song of heaven:
all life fulfilled, all loved, all wrong forgiven.
Christ is our sign of hope, for Christ is risen: Alleluia! Alleluia!
6. With all creation, pain and anger past,
evil exhausted, love supreme at last,
alive in God, we'll sing an unsurpassed Alleluia! Alleluia!

DISMISSAL

God has shown you what is good.
What does the Lord require of you?
To do justice, to love kindness,
And to walk humbly with your God.

Mic. 6:8

The God of peace be with us. **Amen.**
Bless the Lord. **The Lord's name be praised.**