



Service of Midday Prayer

Wednesday, May 12, 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.

Beloved, let us love one another, because love is from God; 1 Jn. 4:7-8
everyone who loves is born of God and knows God.
Whoever does not love does not know God, for God is love.

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

Prayer of Confession and Assurance 1 Jn. 1:8-9, 1 Jn 1:7

If we say that we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. If we confess our sins, God who is faithful and just will forgive us our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness. Trusting in God's grace, let us confess our brokenness.

Holy and merciful God, in your presence we confess our failure to be what you created us to be. You alone know how often we have sinned in wandering from your ways, in wasting your gifts, in forgetting your love. By your loving mercy, help us to live in your light and abide in your ways, for the sake of Jesus Christ our Savior.

Silent Confession

If we walk in the light of God, we have fellowship with one another, and in Christ we find liberation from all sin. In the name of Christ, we are forgiven, loved, and freed! **Amen.**

Hymn 847

Our Hope, Our Life

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1. Our hope, our life are in the Lord, the God we honor and confess.
Why crave renown or opulence? They face, those things we now possess.
2. Some flaunt their gold; some trust its power, but what they cherish will decay;
And still the ransom for a soul remains a price too great to pay.

3. Though wealth or learning may be ours, or fame that spreads throughout the land,
The shackles of mortality prevent so much that we have planned.
4. Beyond this age of shame and sham we glimpse a better destiny:
The Lord will lift us free from death to dwell in praise eternally.

Scripture Lesson

1 John 5:9-13

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 465

What a Friend We Have in Jesus

CONVERSE

1. What a friend we have in Jesus, all our sins and griefs to bear!
What a privilege to carry everything to God in prayer!
O what peace we often forfeit; O what needless pain we bear,
all because we do not carry everything to God in prayer!
2. Have we trials and temptations? Is there trouble anywhere?
We should never be discouraged; take it to the Lord in prayer!
Can we find a friend so faithful who will all our sorrows share?
Jesus knows our every weakness; take it to the Lord in prayer!
3. Are we weak and heavy laden, cumbered with a load of care?
Precious Savior, still our refuge; take it to the Lord in prayer!
Do thy friends despise, forsake thee? Take it to the Lord in prayer!
In his arms he'll take and shield thee; thou wilt find a solace there.

Dismissal

Little children, let us love, not in word or speech, but in truth and action.

1 Jn 3:18

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