

**PRELUDE** "Have Thine Own Way, Lord" by Pollard and Stebbins Thelma Downey

**MEDITATIVE THOUGHT** Betty Neese  
*No matter what happened yesterday, now is the time to call upon God, to lay our lives before our Creator, and to proclaim God's wonderful deeds to one another. Now is the time to worship.*

**WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**CALL TO WORSHIP** Betty Neese

L: Are you weary from the stresses of this week?

**P: Weariness and stress have been our constant companions.**

L: Let the love of God wash over you, relieving your stress and weariness.

**P: We praise God for such abundant compassion to us.**

L: Let the word of God enter your hearts and spirits, giving you hope.

**P: May our lives reflect God's abundant love and peace. Amen.**

**OPENING HYMN** "God of Grace and God of Glory" vs. 1 & 2 Hymnal Page #577

1. God of grace and God of glory, on thy people pour thy power; crown thine ancient church's story; bring her bud to glorious flower. Grant us wisdom, grant us courage, for the facing of this hour, (of this hour) for the facing of this hour.

2. Lo! the hosts of evil round us scorn thy Christ, assail his ways! Fears and doubts too long have bound us; free our hearts to work and praise. Grant us wisdom, grant us courage, for the living of these days, (of these days) for the living of these days.

**OPENING PRAYER** Betty Neese

**Lord of Hope and Peace, we have come this day asking for Your mercy. Grant us Your pardon. We have come this day seeking peace in our lives; grant us peace. Teach us how to be compassionate disciples for You. For we ask this in Christ's Name. Amen.**

**READINGS** Betty Neese

Luke 11:1-13 NRSV

**The Lord's Prayer**

11 He was praying in a certain place, and after He had finished, one of His disciples said to Him, "Lord, teach us to pray, as John taught his disciples." 2He said to them, "When you pray, say: Father, hallowed be Your Name. Your kingdom come. 3Give us each day our daily bread. 4And forgive us our sins, for we ourselves forgive everyone indebted to us. And do not bring us to the time of trial."

**Perseverance in Prayer**

5 And He said to them, "Suppose one of you has a friend, and you go to him at midnight and say to him, 'Friend, lend me three loaves of bread; 6 for a friend of mine has arrived, and I have nothing to set before him.' 7 And he answers from within, 'Do not bother me; the door has already been locked, and my children are with me in bed; I cannot get up and give you anything.' 8 I tell you, even though he will not get up and give him anything because he is his friend, at least because of his persistence he will get up and give him whatever he needs.

9 "So I say to you, Ask, and it will be given you; search, and you will find; knock, and the door will be opened for you. 10 For everyone who asks receives, and everyone who searches finds, and for everyone who knocks, the door will be opened. 11 Is there anyone among you who, if your child asks for a fish, will give a snake instead of a fish? 12 Or if the child asks for an egg, will give a scorpion? 13 If you then, who are evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will the heavenly Father give the Holy Spirit to those who ask Him!"

One: *The Word of God for the people of God.*

**All: Thanks be to God.**

1. My Prayer Should Be Simple And Direct (vs. 1-4)

2. We Are To Pray Persistently (vs. 5-8)

3. We Are To Pray Passionately (vs. 9-10)

4. We Are To Pray Expectantly (vs. 11-13)

**PRAYERS OF THE PASTOR AND PEOPLE**

Pastor Tom

**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, for ever and ever. Amen.**

**GIVING BACK TO GOD (TITHES AND GIFTS)**

**DOXOLOGY** "Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow"

Hymnal #95

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; Praise Him, all creatures here below; Praise Him above, ye heav'nly host; Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

**PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

Betty Neese

**Before You, O God, we offer our prayers, our presence, our gifts, and our service. We lay our gifts before You in praise and thanksgiving for Your many blessings. May these offerings continue the transforming work of Your Spirit in and through our congregation. Amen.**

**CLOSING HYMN** "He Is Lord" (sing twice)

Hymnal Page #177

He is Lord, he is Lord! He is risen from the dead and he is Lord! Every knee shall bow, every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord.

**BENEDICTION**

Pastor Tom

**POSTLUDE**

"Because He Lives" by Gloria and William J. Gaither

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