



Reach One More For Jesus!  
15th Sunday after Pentecost  
September 13, 2020

PRELUDE "His Eye Is on the Sparrow" Martin/Gabriel Thelma Downey

MEDITATIVE THOUGHT Marilyn Casey  
Sing to our God, Who brings us into a future of hope and life.

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS Marilyn Casey

CALL TO WORSHIP Marilyn Casey  
L: Sing praise to God Who rescues us when we fall!  
**P: Sing praise to God Who walks with us on all our journeys!**  
L: Even though we fall, God lifts us and places us on paths of peace.  
**P: Even though we stray, God finds us and brings us back to lives of hope.**  
L: Thanks be to God, Whose love is continually with us.  
**P: Praise be to God, Whose mercy is over us all. Amen.**

OPENING HYMN "Leaning on the Everlasting Arms" vs. 2 & 3 Hymnal Page #133  
2. O how sweet to walk in this pilgrim way, leaning on the everlasting arms; O how bright the path grows from day to day, leaning on the everlasting arms.  
Refrain:  
Leaning, leaning, safe and secure from all alarms; leaning, leaning, leaning on the everlasting arms.  
3. What have I to dread, what have I to fear, leaning on the everlasting arms? I have blessed peace with my Lord so near, leaning on the everlasting arms.  
Refrain:  
Leaning, leaning, safe and secure from all alarms; leaning, leaning, leaning on the everlasting arms.

OPENING PRAYER Marilyn Casey  
**Lord Christ, You have promised that even when we are alone, You will never leave us or forsake us. In these days when we cannot assemble as usual, give to the members of Your Body full assurance of Your presence. Meet us in prayer and in the reading of Holy Scripture, as in the bread and wine from which we fast. Unite us in Your love, and inspire us to connect across distance. Protect us from danger, and speak Your abiding peace into our hearts. Amen.**

READINGS Marilyn Casey  
Rom. 8:26 NRSV  
<sup>26</sup> Likewise the Spirit helps us in our weakness; for we do not know how to pray as we ought, but that very Spirit intercedes with sighs too deep for words.  
Acts 12:5 NRSV  
<sup>5</sup> While Peter was kept in prison, the church prayed fervently to God for him.  
James 5:16 NRSV  
<sup>16</sup> Therefore confess your sins to one another, and pray for one another, so that you may be healed. The prayer of the righteous is powerful and effective.

One: The Word of God for the people of God.  
**All: Thanks be to God.**

MESSAGE

“LIFE IS TOUGH, PRAY HARDER!”

Pastor Tom

1. When I pray, is it all up to me or not?

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2. When I pray, should I be formal or not?

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3. When I pray, is prayer effective or not?

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4. When I pray, can I mess up or not?

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PRAYERS OF THE PASTOR AND PEOPLE

Pastor Tom

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Pastor Tom

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)

Pastor Tom

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

Marilyn Casey

**In gratitude for all the abundant blessings You have showered upon us, we celebrate as we receive our morning offering. Amen.**

CLOSING HYMN “Sweet Hour of Prayer” vs. 1 & 2

Hymnal Page #496

1. Sweet hour of prayer! sweet hour of prayer! that calls me from a world of care, and bids me at my Father's throne make all my wants and wishes known. In seasons of distress and grief, my soul has often found relief, and oft escaped the tempter's snare by thy return, sweet hour of prayer!

2. Sweet hour of prayer! sweet hour of prayer! the joys I feel, the bliss I share of those whose anxious spirits burn with strong desires for thy return! With such I hasten to the place where God my Savior shows his face, and gladly take my station there, and wait for thee, sweet hour of prayer!

BENEDICTION

Pastor Tom

POSTLUDE “Just a Closer Walk with Thee” Anon.

Thelma Downey