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# INDEPENDENCE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH



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## SEVENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

July 24, 2022



Subirachs, Josep Maria, 1927-2014. *Eucharist Door with Lord's Prayer*

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*The hallowing of your name echo through the universe; The way of your justice be followed by the peoples of the world; Your heavenly will be done by all created beings; Your commonwealth of peace and freedom sustain our hope and come on earth.*

~ from *The Lord's Prayer: Maori & Polynesia* (New Zealand Book of Prayer)

~ **GATHERING** ~

**WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS** (*Psalm 138:3*)

On the day I called, O Lord, you answered me,  
**you increased my strength of soul.**

**PRELUDE**

*Please sign the friendship register and pass it on.*

**\*CALL TO WORSHIP** (*from Psalm 138*)

I give you thanks, O Holy One, with my whole heart I sing your praise.  
**I give thanks to your name for your steadfast love and faithfulness.**

On the day I called, you answered me,  
**you increased my strength of soul.**

All shall sing of the ways of the Lord,  
**for great is the glory of the Holy One.**

For though the Lord is high, the lowly are regarded,

**Though I walk in the midst of trouble, you stretch out your hand.**

Your steadfast love, O Lord, endures forever.

**Come, let us worship God.**

**\*HYMN**

SEEK YE FIRST

GTG #175

by Karen Lafferty

**POURING THE BAPTISMAL WATERS**

**\*PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

**Gracious God, we humbly confess that we have fallen short of who you call us to be. We seek peace and comfort in our lives, ignoring the needs of those around us. We live our lives in ways that bring chaos and calamity to our neighbors. Cleanse us from sin and show us your steadfast love, so that in turning to you, we may seek unity and peace for all of creation. Amen.** [*Silent Confession.*]

**\*RESPONSE**

LORD, HAVE MERCY

GTG #551

American folk melody

LAND OF REST

**\*ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

Know that you are forgiven and be at peace.  
**Thanks be to God.**

**\*PASSING OF THE PEACE**

The peace of Christ be with you.  
**And also with you.**

ALLELUIA	HALLE, HALLE, HALLELUJAH!	GTG #591
	Caribbean melody; arr. by John L. Bell	

MINUTE FOR PIGS	PW PIGGY FAIR
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**~ THE WORD ~**

**PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION**

HEBREW BIBLE	GENESIS 18:20-32	(NRSV)
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CHILDREN OF GOD	THE LORD'S PRAYER: BODY PRAYER Traci Smith ( <a href="https://youtube.com/watch?v=lnaARfD7TTY">youtube.com/watch?v=lnaARfD7TTY</a> )
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GOSPEL READING	LUKE 11:1-13	(NRSV)
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Hear what the Holy Spirit is telling God's people.  
**Thanks be to God.**

PSALM 138	WITH GRATEFUL HEART MY THANKS I BRING	GTG #334
	<i>The New Metrical Version of the Psalms</i>	ST. PETERSBURG

SERMON	TALKING TO GOD
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RESPONSE	AMEN	GTG #600
	African American	

**~ RESPONDING TO THE WORD ~**

**\*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH** (*from The Heidelberg Catechism*) (*continued next page*)

Why do Christians need to pray? **Because prayer is the most important part of the thankfulness God requires of us.**

What is the kind of prayer that pleases God and that he listens to?  
**First, we must pray from the heart to no other than the one true God, revealed to us in his Word, asking for everything God has commanded us to ask for.**

**Second, we must fully recognize our need and misery, so that we humble ourselves in God's majestic presence.**

**Third, we must rest on this unshakable foundation: even though we do not deserve it, God will surely listen to our prayer because of Christ our Lord. That is what God promised us in his Word.**

What did God command us to pray for?

**Everything we need, spiritually and physically, as embraced in the prayer Christ our Lord himself taught us.**

What is this prayer? **Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name. Your kingdom come. Your will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our debts, as we also have forgiven our debtors. And do not bring us to the time of trial, but rescue us from the evil one. For the kingdom and the power and the glory are yours forever. Amen.**

## INVITATION TO THE OFFERING

RESPONSE

DOXOLOGY

GTG #606

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

~ *SENDING* ~

\*HYMN

JUST A CLOSER WALK WITH THEE

GTG #835

Traditional North American Hymn

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

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Pieces of today's liturgy are from: *Book of Common Worship* (PCUSA); *Connections*, David Gambrell, ed.; *Call to Worship, Lectionary Aids*; *Presbyterian Outlook*, Teri Ott.