

The Prayer of Jesus

Our Creator, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kin-dom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread and forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors. Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kin-dom, the power, and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen.

Sung Amen

Stewardship Testimonial

Matt Prois

Offertory *For Emily and Byron, Jim Pospisil*

*Doxology

**Praise God from whom all blessings flow,
Praise God all creatures here below,
Praise God above ye heavenly host,
Creator, Christ, and Holy Ghost! Amen!**

*Closing Song *Standing in the Need of Prayer*

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**Not my brother, nor my sister, but it's me, O God,
standing in the need of prayer;
Not my brother, nor my sister, but it's me, O God,
standing in the need of prayer.
It's me, it's me, O God, standing in the need of prayer;
It's me, it's me, O God, standing in the need of prayer.**

**Not the preacher, nor the deacon, but it's me, O God,
standing in the need of prayer;
Not the preacher, nor the deacon, but it's me, O God,
standing in the need of prayer.
It's me, it's me, O God, standing in the need of prayer;
It's me, it's me, O God, standing in the need of prayer.**

**Not my father, nor my mother, but it's me, O God,
standing in the need of prayer;
Not my father, nor my mother, but it's me, O God,
standing in the need of prayer.
It's me, it's me, O God, standing in the need of prayer;
It's me, it's me, O God, standing in the need of prayer.**

**Not the stranger, nor my neighbor, but it's me, O God,
standing in the need of prayer;
Not the stranger, nor my neighbor, but it's me, O God,
standing in the need of prayer.
It's me, it's me, O God, standing in the need of prayer;
It's me, it's me, O God, standing in the need of prayer.**

*Benediction

*Postlude *Allegro from Piano Trio No. 1, Ludwig van Beethoven*

Assisting in Today's Service:
Emily Ramsey, violin, Byron Klimek, cello
Warren Post, Pam Kramer, and Darlene Leafgren, Ushers
Heidi Olson and Koren Sjelin, Nursery Attendants

**Peace United Church of Christ
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10:30am**



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Prelude	Adagio Cantabile from Piano Trio No. 1, Ludwig van Beethoven	
Welcome and Announcements		
Ringing of the Bells		
*Call to Worship	from Psalm 65	
Praise to you, O God, O you who answer prayer! When deeds of iniquity overwhelm us, You forgive our transgressions. Happy are those who draw near to you, We shall be satisfied with the goodness of your house. Your rivers are full of water and your fields are full of grain, You crown the year with glory, the pastures of the wilderness overflow. Let us shout and sing together for joy, Let us worship God!		
*Song	God, Whose Giving Knows No Ending	#565 NCH
God, whose giving knows no ending, from your rich and endless store, Nature's wonder, Jesus' wisdom, costly cross, grave's shattered door: Gifted by you, we turn to you offering up ourselves in praise; Thankful song shall rise forever, gracious donor of our days. Skills and time are ours for serving, that your will on earth be done: All at peace in health and freedom, races joined, the Church made one. Now direct our daily labor, lest we strive for self alone; born with talents, make us servants fit to answer at your throne. Treasure, too, you have entrusted, gain through powers your grace conferred Ours to use for home and kindred, and to spread the gospel Word. Open wide our hands in sharing as we heed Christ's ageless call, Healing, teaching, and reclaiming, honoring you by loving all. Lend your joy to all our giving, let it light our pilgrim way; From the night of anxious keeping, loose us into generous day. Then when years on earth are over, and we've lived our human span, God, fulfill beyond our dreaming, all our stewardship began.		
*Prayer of Confession		
Loving God, whose ways are not our ways and whose thoughts are not our thoughts, we long for a world that is fair and just, a world that reflects your abundance. Forgive us when we, seeking change, are quick to point fingers and slow to look within. Strengthen our hearts to run the race of faith, slow and steady, reaching ever closer to your love. Amen.		
*Assurance of Forgiveness		
*Passing of the Peace		
Baptism of Henry Bambenek	Rev. Corinne Freedman Ellis & Amanda McElray Hunter	
Invitation		
Questions of the Parents and Family	Connor & Amy Bambenek	
Congregational Response		
Will you be a caring, supportive community for Henry and his family? Will you provide opportunities for his spiritual growth that he may come to know and trust the goodness of God? Do you promise your love, support, and care on behalf of the whole church of Jesus Christ? We promise our love, support, and care.		
Baptism		
Congregational Greeting & Blessing		

Sending the Children

Amen, we praise your name, O God!

(Sing amen) Amen, we praise your name, O God!

(Sing amen) Amen amen, amen amen, amen, we praise your name, O God!

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*Passing of the Peace

Epistle Reading

2 Timothy 4:6-8, 16-18

Phyllis Cook, reader

As for me, I am already being poured out as a libation, and the time of my departure has come. I have fought the good fight; I have finished the race; I have kept the faith. From now on there is reserved for me the crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous judge, will give me on that day, and not only to me but also to all who have longed for his appearing.

At my first defense no one came to my support, but all deserted me. May it not be counted against them! But the Lord stood by me and gave me strength, so that through me the message might be fully proclaimed and all the gentiles might hear it. So I was rescued from the lion's mouth. The Lord will rescue me from every evil attack and save me for God's heavenly kingdom. To God be the glory forever and ever. Amen.

Anthem

The Ground, Ola Gjeilo

Heaven and earth are full of your glory.

Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

Blessed is he who comes.

Hosanna in the highest.

Lamb of God, who takes away the sins of the world.

Grant us peace.

Gospel Reading

Luke 18:9-14

He also told this parable to some who trusted in themselves that they were righteous and regarded others with contempt: "Two men went up to the temple to pray, one a Pharisee and the other a tax collector. The Pharisee, standing by himself, was praying thus, 'God, I thank you that I am not like other people: thieves, rogues, adulterers, or even like this tax collector. I fast twice a week; I give a tenth of all my income.' But the tax collector, standing far off, would not even lift up his eyes to heaven but was beating his breast and saying, 'God, be merciful to me, a sinner!' I tell you, this man went down to his home justified rather than the other, for all who exalt themselves will be humbled, but all who humble themselves will be exalted."

Holy Wisdom, Holy Word. **Thanks be to God.**

Sermon

Rev. Corinne Freedman Ellis

Song

Nearer, My God, to You

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Nearer, my God, to you, nearer to you.

I'll bear the cross as Christ calls me to do

and pray each day anew:

Nearer my God, to you, nearer my God, to you, nearer to you.

When I am wandering as Jacob did,

and in the deepest night the path is hid,

my dreams will bring me, too,

Nearer my God, to you, nearer my God, to you, nearer to you.

Let Jacob's ladder fill the sky above,

and angels carry down the faith and love

to keep this goal in view:

Nearer my God, to you, nearer my God, to you, nearer to you.

Then, waking from the night to morning air

by Bethel's stone, I'll know you heard my prayer,

and how my yearning grew:

Nearer my God, to you, nearer my God, to you, nearer to you.

Community Prayers and Pastoral Prayer