



Evening Prayer
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WELCOME TO GOD'S HOUSE What a privilege it is to gather with our brothers and sisters in Christ as we benefit from the riches of God's grace.

Thank you for joining us for worship. If you have any questions about our service or practice, please feel free to ask one of the ushers or a pastor.

- Tune into KFIZ AM 1450 each Sunday morning at 8:00 to hear the current weekend's sermon.
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- Visitors, we are pleased that you have joined us this morning. Please fill out a Visitor Card and hand it to an usher. Feel free to inquire about our congregation through the pastors, one of the ushers, or one of the members. If you are a visitor from out of town, please be sure to introduce yourself to one of the pastors after the service. We welcome all of you to come and worship with us again.

A PRAYER BEFORE WORSHIP Confirm in us your gospel, Lord, your promise of salvation. And make us keen to hear your Word and follow our vocation: to spend our lives in love for you, to bear each other's burdens, too. And then, at last, when death shall loom, O Savior, come and bear your loved ones safely home. Amen. (See also the prayers on pages 10-11 of *Christian Worship*.)

SERVICE THEME Drawn by the Father to believe in Jesus through the power of the Holy Spirit, we say “no” to anything that would sever us from our dear Lord and his will.

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OPENING HYMN *My Faith Looks Up to Thee* | **CW 402**

M: ♪ O Lord, open my lips.

C: ♪ **And my mouth shall declare your praise.**

M: ♪ Hasten to save me, O God.

C: ♪ **O Lord, come quickly to help me.**

M: ♪ The Lord be with you.

C: ♪ **And also with you.**

M: Lord God, you have brought us safely to this hour of evening prayer. We thank you for providing all that we need in life. Bless us who have gathered in your name. Forgive our sins. Speak to our hearts. Dispel our sorrows with the comfort of your Word, and receive our hymns of thanks and praise, through Jesus Christ, our living Savior, who reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: **(spoken) Amen.**

LET MY PRAYER RISE BEFORE YOU

♪ **Let my prayer rise before you as incense, the lifting up of my hands as the evening sacrifice. O Lord, I call to you; come to me quickly; hear my voice when I cry to you. Let my prayer rise before you as incense, the lifting up of my hands as the evening sacrifice.**

M: Let our prayers be acceptable in your sight. Come and help us in time of need that we may sing your praise in holy joy now and forever, through Jesus Christ, our Lord

C: **(spoken) Amen.**

PSALM 71

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FIRST LESSON

Exodus 7:8-13

In haughty arrogance Pharaoh, king of Egypt, refused to submit to the Lord and his will.

⁸The LORD said to Moses and to Aaron, ⁹“When Pharaoh says to you, ‘Give us a warning sign,’ then you are to tell Aaron, ‘Take your staff and throw it down in front of Pharaoh, and it will become a snake.’”

¹⁰Then Moses and Aaron went to Pharaoh. They did just as the LORD had commanded. Aaron threw down his staff in front of Pharaoh and his officials, and it became a snake. ¹¹But then Pharaoh also called for his wise men and sorcerers. Those magicians of Egypt did the same thing by their occult practices. ¹²They each threw down their staffs, and those staffs became snakes. However, Aaron’s staff swallowed up their staffs. ¹³But Pharaoh’s heart was hard, and he did not listen to them, just as the LORD had said.

SECOND LESSON

Hebrews 11:24-28

Moses willingly forsook the glories of Egypt, understanding that they were far outweighed by the glories of heaven.

²⁴By faith Moses refused to be called the son of Pharaoh’s daughter when he grew up. ²⁵He chose to be mistreated with God’s people rather than enjoy sin for a little while. ²⁶He considered disgrace for the sake of Christ as greater wealth than the treasures of Egypt, because he was looking ahead to his reward.

²⁷By faith he left Egypt without fearing the king’s wrath, because he persevered as one who sees him who is invisible.

²⁸By faith he celebrated the Passover and the sprinkling of blood, so that the destroyer of the firstborn would not strike them down.

M: Come, Holy Spirit! Fill the hearts of your faithful people, and kindle in us the fire of your love. Alleluia!

HYMN

Oh, for a Faith that Will Not Shrink | **CW 405**

GOSPEL

John 6:60-69

Why would we abandon Jesus? He alone has the words of eternal life.

⁶⁰When they heard it, many of his disciples said, “This is a hard teaching! Who can listen to it?” ⁶¹But Jesus, knowing in himself that his disciples were grumbling about this, asked them, “Does this cause you to stumble in your faith? ⁶²What if you would see the Son of Man ascending to where he was before? ⁶³The Spirit is the one who gives life. The flesh does not help at all. The words that I have spoken to you are spirit and they are life. ⁶⁴But there are some of you who do not believe.” For Jesus knew from the beginning those who would not believe and the one who would betray him. ⁶⁵He said, “This is why I told you that no one can come to me, unless it is given to him by my Father.”

⁶⁶After this, many of his disciples turned back and were not walking with him anymore. ⁶⁷So Jesus asked the Twelve, “You do not want to leave too, do you?”

⁶⁸Simon Peter answered him, “Lord, to whom will we go? You have the words of eternal life. ⁶⁹We have come to believe and know that you are the Holy One of God.”

“The Gospel is a Hard Teaching”

Pastor Zuberbier

1. It causes some to stumble.
2. It causes others to believe.

SONG OF MARY

♪ **My soul proclaims the greatness of the Lord; my spirit rejoices in God my Savior, for he has looked with favor on his lowly servant.
From this day all generations will call me blessed.
The Almighty has done great things for me, and holy is his name.
He has mercy on those who fear him in ev'ry generation.
He has shown the strength of his arm; he has scattered the proud in their conceit.
He has cast down the mighty from their thrones and has lifted up the lowly.
He has filled the hungry with good things, and the rich he has sent away empty.
He has come to the help of his servant Israel, for he has remembered
his promise of mercy, the promise made to our fathers,
to Abraham, and to his children forever. Amen.**

PRESENTING OF OUR OFFERING

LORD, HAVE MERCY

M: ♪ In the closing hours of this day, hear us as we pray, O Lord:

C: ♪ **Lord, have mercy.**

M: ♪ For the well-being of people everywhere, for the growth of your church in all the world, and for the strengthening of all who serve and worship here, we pray, O Lord:

C: ♪ **Christ, have mercy.**

M: ♪ For one another, young and old, for your blessings that come with every stage of life, and for joy in doing your will, we pray, O Lord:

C: ♪ **Lord, have mercy.**

M: ♪ For our public servants who work day and night to bring protection, justice, learning, and health to this and every place, we pray to you, O Lord:

C: ♪ **Lord, hear our prayer.**

M: ♪ For favorable weather and bountiful harvests, for clothing and food, for health of body, mind, and spirit, and for deliverance from all sin and every form of evil, we pray to you, O Lord:

C: ♪ **Lord, hear our prayer.**

M: ♪ For the faithful who have gone before us, who have shared with us your good news, whose souls are now at rest in your heavenly kingdom, we give you thanks, O Lord:

C: ♪ **Thanks be to God.**

M: ♪ In thanksgiving for your many and varied gifts to us, we now commend ourselves to your care. Be our shield and strength, O Lord:

C: ♪ **Amen.**

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 forever and ever. Amen.

PRAYER FOR PEACE

M: Lord God, all holy desires, all good counsels, and all just works come from you. Give to us, your servants, that peace which the world cannot give, that our hearts may be set to obey your commandments. Defend us also from the fear of our enemies that we may live in peace and quietness, through the merits of Jesus Christ our Savior, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: (spoken) Amen.

SONG OF SIMEON

♪ In peace, Lord, you let your servant now depart according to your word. For my eyes have seen your salvation, which you have prepared for ev'ry people, a light to lighten the Gentiles and the glory of your people Israel.

BLESSING

M: ♪ The grace of our Lord † Jesus Christ and the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

C: ♪ Amen.

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