



# Our Father/Mother who art in Heaven

The Lord's Prayer | Week Two

Isa. 49:13 - 16a/Matthew 6:7-13 The Inclusive Bible

## WELCOME, FRIENDS.

In the Alternative Worship Expression

### **Together we pursue**

a way of living faith that speaks to the real of our lives and those of the world around us. In our weekly services, we gather around themes of the Christian faith, aiming to integrate them into our lives and being.

### **Together we explore**

what it means that God and faith are about the whole of our lives and everything we do - that spirituality isn't relegated to church but an invitation into a way of being human.

### **Together we seek**

to live responsibly in view of reality: the struggle, suffering, beauty, and pain of our world. We want to be good grownups, living out a faith that helps to heal our world and to be "good news" in it.

### **Together we bring ourselves,**

showing up with the expectation that Christian faith, at its heart, is the invitation to become... to live differently than we did before, to become people who live love in our world.

13 Shout for joy, you heavens! Exalt, you earth! You mountains, break into happy cries! For YHWH consoles the people and takes pity on those who are afflicted. 14 But Zion said, 'YHWH has abandoned me, a donai has forgotten me.' 15 Does a woman forget her baby at the breast, or fail to cherish the child of her womb? Yet even if these forget, I will never forget you. 16 Look and see: I have inscribed you on the palms of my hands;

# Morning Invitations

## WELCOME | SETTING THE TABLE | PRAYER

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### SONG: WINDOW IN THE SKIES [U2]

Lyrical Highlight:

To every broken heart

For every heart that cries

Love left a window in the skies

And to love I rhapsodize

From Christian Collins Winn: One of the reasons that I love this song is because it speaks of the ever real possibility of love. The image of the window in the skies reminds us that even when we experience pain or a lack of love in our lives, that is not, in the end, the whole story. There is an "outside" where love is real, living, powerful, and life-giving.

Wonder: With our confusing and painful lives and world, how do you allow yourself to be reminded of the power and truth of love?

## KIDS TO GOD'S GARDEN

### BREATHE-IN

### SONG: I KNOW WHO HOLDS TOMORROW [ALISON KRAUSS & THE COX FAMILY]

Lyrical Highlight:

"I know who holds my hand"

From Nicole: "When I hold my kids' hands, it's because I want them to know I'm with them - wherever we are. I picture prayer like this - me extending my hand to God. I know God grabs ahold of my hand too, but honestly, sometimes it just doesn't feel like it."

Wonder: Where are you walking these days? Are you walking hand in hand with God? Or does it feel like you're walking alone? How can we keep praying when we feel alone?

## **TEACHING | MEDITATION**

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## **BREATHE-OUT**

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS | OFFERING**

## **SONG: YOU'LL BE IN MY HEART [PHIL COLLINS]**

Lyrical Highlight:  
"Cause you'll be in my heart  
Believe me, you'll be in my heart  
I'll be there from this day on,  
Now and forever more"

From Casey H: For me, this song doesn't just serve as a heart warming nostalgic classic, but also as message of how love is a bond that can't be broken. How love can fill us with life and light. This message gives me peace in my heart as I am reminded not to be afraid, for love will keep me strong through both the good and bad times.

Wonder: When was the last time love helped you in a time of need or brokenness?

## **SENDING**

# A Few Notes & Prayers

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## **Welcome, Beloved.**

We're so glad you're here. If you are visiting or want to plug in deeper, we'd love to meet you at the Connection Corner.

## **Budget Conversation**

TODAY at 11:00am in the Library. Come to hear about and ask questions on the upcoming fiscal year budget before the Annual Meeting next Sunday.

## **"Confronting Christian Nationalism" Class**

Today, April 14th & 21st from 11:00am - 12:15pm. Join Rev. Dr. Sara Wilhelm Garbers for this two-week class that will both delve more deeply into the underpinnings of Christian Nationalism and will explore ways to cultivate a faith that follows not after strong men or dehumanizing and oppressive ideologies but is instead grounded in the God of love and the way of Jesus.

## **Faith & Family**

Wednesday, May 1st from 6:00 - 7:30pm. Join Mathew Meyers (Licensed Marriage & Family Therapist) for a discussion on kids struggling with anxiety and tools for parents and caregivers to lead and support them.

## **Church Update**

The Church Council has approved HR Committee's recommendation to hire an interim executive pastor to fill the gaps created by recent and impending staff departures. This individual will oversee the operations and program staff and oversee church operations until Meetinghouse is ready to determine its long-term staffing recommendations. We will keep you updated as that search progresses.

## **Ministry Survey**

Emerging Generations Ministry, which serves our families and kids from birth to young adult, is in a time of transition with recent staffing changes. We want to hear your needs and dreams relative to Emerging Generations ministry. Take the 10-minute survey today at [meetinghouse.church/survey](https://meetinghouse.church/survey)

## **Annual Meeting**

Sunday, April 28th at 11:00am. Join us for our Annual all-church gathering where we hear ministry reports, vote on next year's budget & leadership slate, and look ahead to the coming year at Meetinghouse Church.



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PRAYERS OF HEALING for Susie Holderness; Oscar Heath, Tom Rowland, Shawn Radtke, and Rick Larkin.

PRAYERS OF COMFORT for Dianne Getsch at the death of her husband, Dave; Dave Brufoldt at the death of his wife Patti; Leslie Stageberg at the death of her mother, Colleen Wahl

Assisting in Worship: Nicole Smalley

Set-Up, Tear-Down, & Greeters: Theresa Mahoney, Danielle Niska, & Pam Gould

Band: Casey Hunter, Mark Hunter, Al Church, Sesay

A/V: Patrick Smalley, Producer; Matthew Hayes, Sara Hudson, Peyton Gould