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Join us each last **Tuesday evening of the month at 6:00 PM (EST)** via a free conference call.
Simply call **1-732-434-3982** and join us in prayer. Invite a friend.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

DEVOTIONAL THOUGHT

CALL TO WORSHIP

L: I will give you a new heart and put a new spirit within you; I will take the heart of stone out...and give you a heart of flesh. (Ezek 36:26) Into the warmth of your presence we come, Lord God

All: With the offerings of our praise, our worship, our prayers and our lives.

L: Into the warmth of your presence we come, Lord God

All: Freed from the distractions of the world, free to meditate on your word.

L: Into the warmth of your presence we come, Lord God

All: To be blessed by the depth of your love and the warmth of this fellowship.

L: 'Give to the LORD the glory due His name; Bring an offering and come before Him. Oh, worship the LORD in the beauty of holiness! (1 Chr 16:29)

L: I will praise you, O Lord, among the nations.

All: I will sing of you among the peoples.

L: For great is your love, higher than the heavens

All: Your faithfulness reaches to the skies.

L: Be exalted, O God, above the heavens

All: And let your glory be over all the earth (Psalm 108).

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

L: In your eyes, Father, all are loved; created in your image; a part of your purpose; of equal worth.

Forgive us that we have divided this world, into the 'have' and the 'have-nots', into the rich and the poor, the 'in crowd' and the outcasts, members and non-members, us and them.

All: Forgive our insensitivity, our selfishness, our greed and pride. Help us to see others as you see them.

L: In love, you are forgiven, through Christ our Lord, our Savior who taught us to pray...

LORD'S PRAYER

All: 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.

PROMISE FROM SCRIPTURE

LITANY

L: Lord God, you breathed this world into being, and in your infinite wisdom created mankind to be its stewards.

All: Thank you, Creator God

L: You created humankind in your image and wanted nothing more than to have fellowship with your creation, your family.

All: Thank you, Father God

L: When humankind had failed your purpose, you did not discard us, but poured out your love in the person of Jesus, your Son; who came into this world that we might have life and have it to the full

All: Thank you, Loving God

PRAYERS FOR WHOLENESS

L: And now we stand before you, your children; brothers and sisters of a heavenly Father, in a relationship made right again through the sacrificial love of your dear Son upon a cross and in his glorious Resurrection. Standing in God's holiness we are free to approach God in prayer. Shall we spend a moment or two in quiet reflection.

All: For love, freely given to all by God's grace. And for all who lack any good thing: food and drink, house and home, reputation and legacy, health and mental health, financial security and the love of family and friends.

(pause)

All: For wholeness, the healing touch for broken lives. For all who are ill or recovering. For the dying. For the grieving. Especially for the weight of the pandemic upon our hearts and minds and health care systems.

(pause)

All: For salvation, for being made right again with God. For our enemies, for countries and families at war, for disagreements in the workplace, and for any places lacking peace.

(pause)

L: It is good to be here, Lord; good to be in fellowship with each other; good to know the presence of your Spirit in this place; good to know that you are here with us, listening, prompting, touching lives, healing, renewing, making us whole. We pray for all on our prayer lines and those we lift up before you now.

(pause)

L: And now, confident that you hear and answer our prayers, with the angels in heaven we declare:

All: To him who sits on the throne and to the Lamb be praise and glory and honor and power, for ever and ever. Amen

CLOSING PRAYER

SONG OF SIMEON

L: As we leave this time of prayer, we pray Lord that your peace would remain in our hearts and souls.

All: Now, Lord, you let your servant go in peace:

your word has been fulfilled. My own eyes have seen the salvation which you have prepared in the sight of ev'ry people:

**a light to reveal you to the nations
and the glory of your people Israel.**

L: As we leave this time of prayer, we enter into your world. Open our eyes to see the needs around us and use us as instruments of your peace.

BLESSING

L: Let us bless the Lord

All: Thanks be to God.

L: The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you. The Lord look upon you with favor and give you peace.

All: Amen.