

WELCOME

*We are glad that you
have joined us for worship.*

August 9, 2026

Worship Theme

GOD'S GRACE FREES
US TO BE SLAVES OF
RIGHTEOUSNESS

Pastor Brian Roloff



OPENING HYMN: #709 Christ the Vine (VS.I-3)

V1. I long to serve my Savior,
to seek what's good and right,
to trust and never waver,
to walk in truth and light.
But conduct pure and holy
requires a pow'r not mine;
a branch is fruitful only
when anchored in a vine.



V2.

There came, with grace unsparing,
a vine from heav'n above,
its branches meant for bearing
the fruits of selfless love.

This vine is Christ who offered
his life upon a tree;
for all my sin he suffered
and made a branch of me.

V3. And so I'll serve my Savior
with pow'r that he provides,
for he, my blest Redeemer,
within my soul abides.
The fruit of selfless giving
will grow by God's design
as I, the branch, keep living
by faith in Christ the vine.

INVOCATION

Please stand

P: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ
and the love of God and the
fellowship of the Holy Spirit be
with you.

C: And also with you.

CONFESSION OF SINS



P: We have come into the presence of God, who created us to love and serve him as his dear children. But we have disobeyed him and deserve only his wrath and punishment. Therefore, let us confess our sins to him and plead for his mercy.

C: Merciful Father in heaven, I am altogether sinful from birth. In countless ways I have sinned against you and do not deserve to be called your child. But trusting in Jesus my Savior, I pray: Have mercy on me according to your unfailing love. Cleanse me from my sin and take away my guilt.

ANNOUNCEMENT OF FORGIVENESS

P: God, our heavenly Father, has forgiven all your sins. By the perfect life and innocent death of our Lord Jesus Christ, he has removed your guilt forever. You are his own dear child. May God give you joy as you trust in his love and strength to live according to his will.

C: Amen.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

P: Almighty God, you know that our flesh is full of weakness and so easily deceived. Keep us in your truth and guard us by your Spirit that we would never trifle with your grace, but being forgiven and freed from sin, may daily strive to serve you in holiness and righteousness to your unending praise and glory.

C: Amen.

Please be seated

THE WORD

FIRST LESSON

Psalm 119:34-40



Give me understanding, and I will
keep your law
and obey it with all my heart.

Direct me in the path of your commands,
for there I find delight.

Turn my heart toward your statutes
and not toward selfish gain.

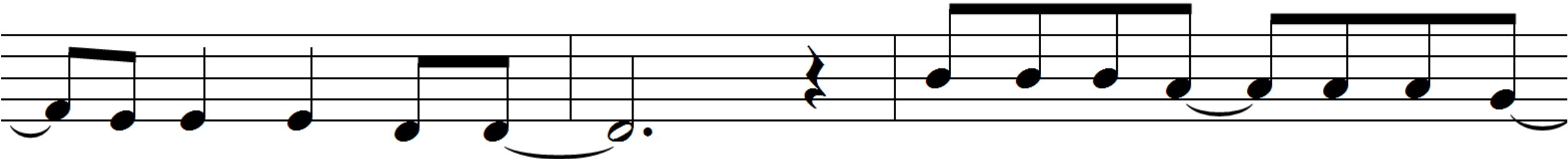
Turn my eyes away from worthless things;
preserve my life according to your word.
Fulfill your promise to your servant,
so that you may be feared.
Take away the disgrace I dread,
for your laws are good.
How I long for your precepts!
Preserve my life in your righteousness.

SUNG RESPONSE:

I Will Delight in the Law of the Lord



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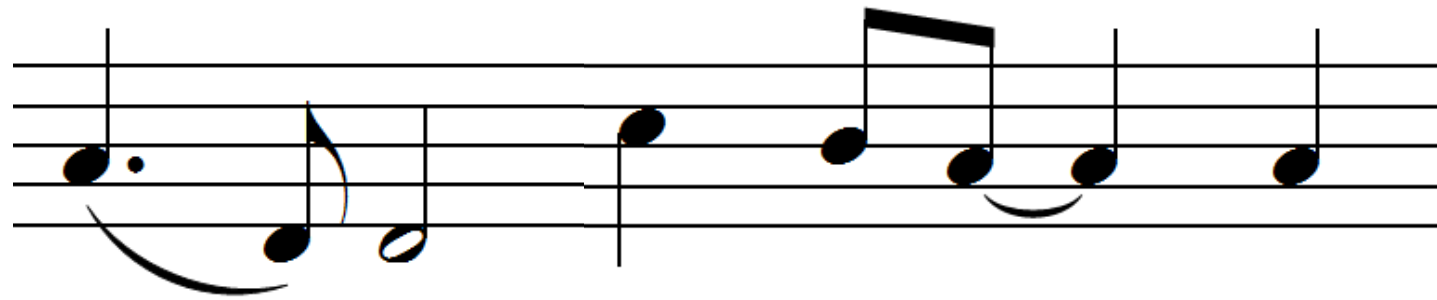


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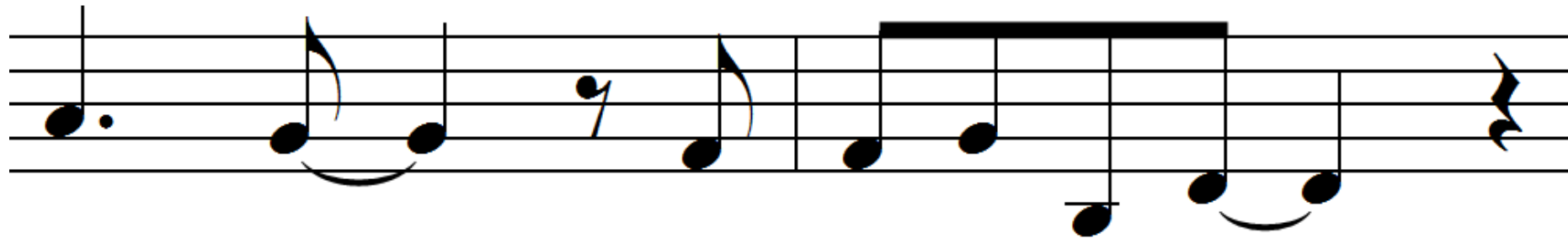
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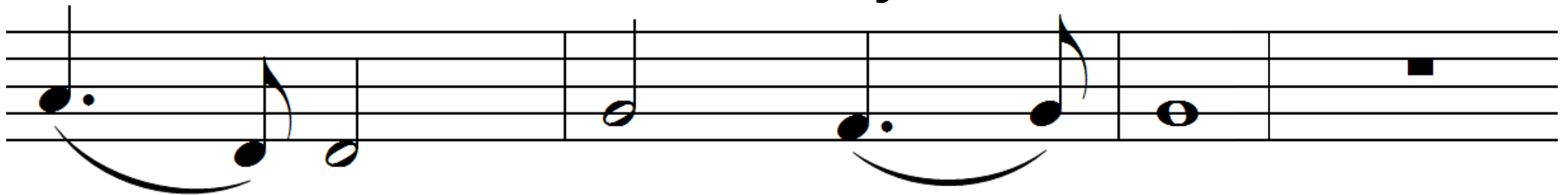
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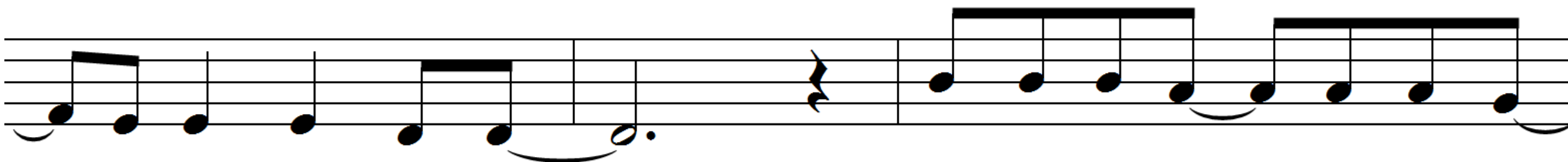
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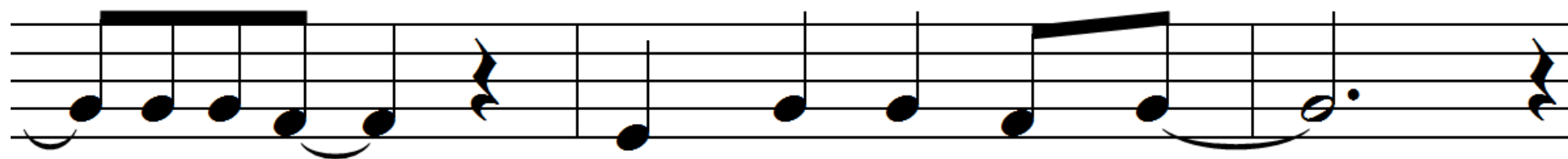


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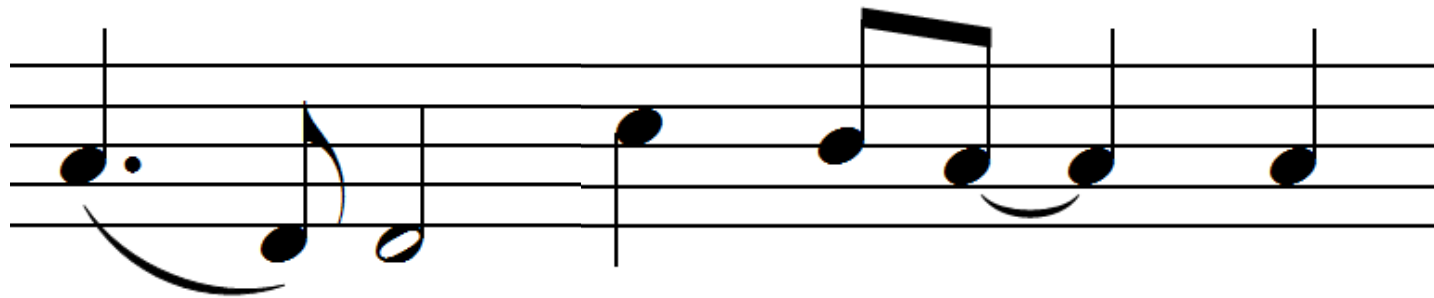


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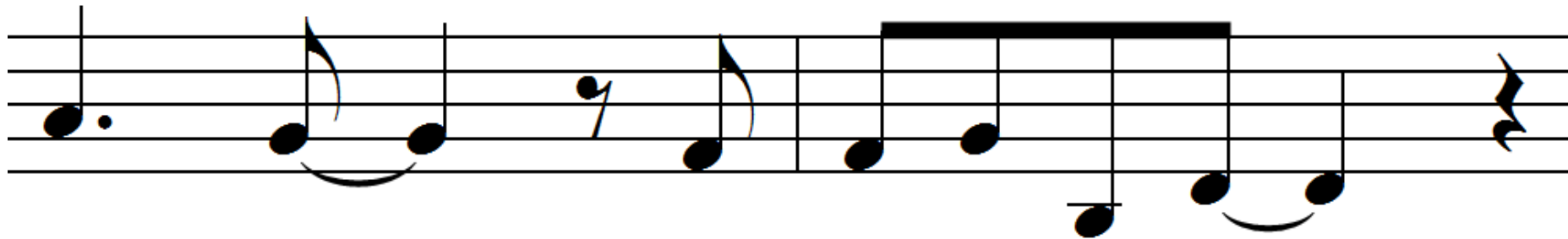
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THE WORD

SECOND LESSON

Matthew 21:28-32



“What do you think? There was a man who had two sons. He went to the first and said, ‘Son, go and work today in the vineyard.’

“ ‘I will not,’ he answered, but later he changed his mind and went.

“Then the father went to the other son and said the same thing. He answered, ‘I will, sir,’ but he did not go.

“Which of the two did what his father wanted?”

“The first,” they answered.

Jesus said to them, “I tell you the truth, the tax collectors and the prostitutes are entering the kingdom of God ahead of you. For John came to you to show you the way of righteousness, and you did not believe him, but the tax collectors and the prostitutes did. And even after you saw this, you did not repent and believe him.”

APOSTLES' CREED

I believe in God, the Father Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, his only
Son, our Lord, who was conceived by
the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin
Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died and was buried....

He descended into hell. The third day he rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of God the Father almighty. From there he will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Christian church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

Please be seated

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE



SERMON HYMN:

#704 Let Us Ever Walk with Jesus (VS.1-4)

V1. Let us ever walk with Jesus,
follow his example pure,
flee the world which would deceive us
and to sin our souls allure.

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Ever in his footsteps treading,
body here, yet soul above,
full of faith and hope and love,
let us do the Father's bidding.
Faithful Lord, abide with me;
Savior lead; I follow thee.

V2. Let us suffer here with Jesus,
to his image e'er conform;
heaven's glory soon will please us,
sunshine follow on the storm.
Though we sow in tears of sorrow,
we shall reap in heav'nly joy,
and the fears that now annoy
shall be laughter on the morrow.
Christ, I suffer here with thee;
there, O, share thy joy with me.

V3. Let us also die with Jesus;
his death from the second death,
from our soul's destruction, frees us,
quicken us with life's glad breath.

Let us mortify, while living,
flesh and blood and die to sin,
and the grave that shuts us in
shall but prove the gate to heaven.

Jesus, here I die to thee,
there to live eternally.

V4. Let us gladly live with Jesus;
since he's risen from the dead,
death and grave must soon release us.
Jesus, thou art now our head.
We are truly thine own members,
where thou livest, there live we;
take and own us constantly,
faithful Friend, as thy dear brethren.
Jesus, here I live to thee,
also there eternally.

THE WORD

SERMON TEXT

Romans 6:15-23



What then? Shall we sin because we are not under law but under grace? By no means! Don't you know that when you offer yourselves to someone to obey him as slaves, you are slaves to the one whom you obey—whether you are slaves to sin, which leads to death, or to obedience, which leads to righteousness?

But thanks be to God that, though you used to be slaves to sin, you wholeheartedly obeyed the form of teaching to which you were entrusted. You have been set free from sin and have become slaves to righteousness.

I put this in human terms because you are weak in your natural selves. Just as you used to offer the parts of your body in slavery to impurity and to ever-increasing wickedness, so now offer them in slavery to righteousness leading to holiness. When you were slaves to sin, you were free from the control of righteousness.

What benefit did you reap at that time from the things you are now ashamed of? Those things result in death! But now that you have been set free from sin and have become slaves to God, the benefit you reap leads to holiness, and the result is eternal life. For the wages of sin is death, but the gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord.



Who are you working for?

1.) One or the Other

Don't you know that when you offer yourselves to someone to obey him as slaves, you are slaves to the one whom you obey...?

(Romans 6:16)

1.) One or the Other

“No one can serve two masters. Either he will hate the one and love the other, or he will be devoted to the one and despise the other.”

(Matthew 6:24)

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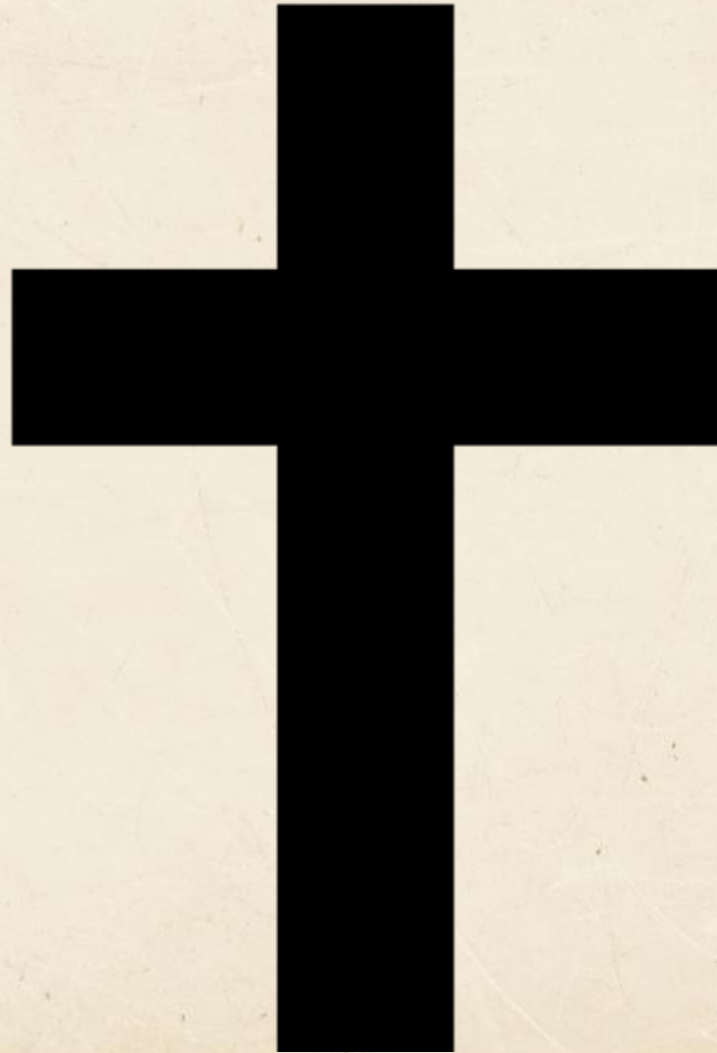
I will show you my faith by what
I do.

(James 2:18)

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(Romans 6:17-18)

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(Romans 6:19-21)

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(Romans 6:19)



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gift of God is eternal life in Christ
Jesus our Lord.

(Romans 6:23)

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OFFERING SONG: #609 We Praise You,
O God, Our Redeemer (VS. I)

We praise you, O God,
our Redeemer, Creator!
In grateful devotion our tribute we bring:
We lay it before you;
we kneel and adore you;
We bless your holy name;
glad praises we sing.



PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

✝ Amy Horton's father, Robert Wiese, is recovering from a lower leg amputation.

LORD'S PRAYER

Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours now and forever. Amen.

BLESSING

P: Brothers and sisters, go in peace.
Live in harmony with one another.
Serve the Lord with gladness.
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.

C: Amen.

Please be seated

CLOSING HYMN: #705 Oh, That the Lord Would Guide My Ways (VS.I-4)

V1. Oh, that the Lord would
guide my ways
to keep his statutes still!
Oh, that my God would grant me grace
to know and do his will!



V2.

Order my footsteps by your Word,
and make my heart sincere;
let sin have no dominion, Lord,
but keep my conscience clear.

V3.

Assist my soul, too apt to stray,
a stricter watch to keep,
and should I e'er forget your way,
restore your wand'ring sheep.

V4.

Make me to walk in your commands—
‘tis a delightful road—
nor let my head or heart or hands
offend against my God.

ANNOUNCEMENTS



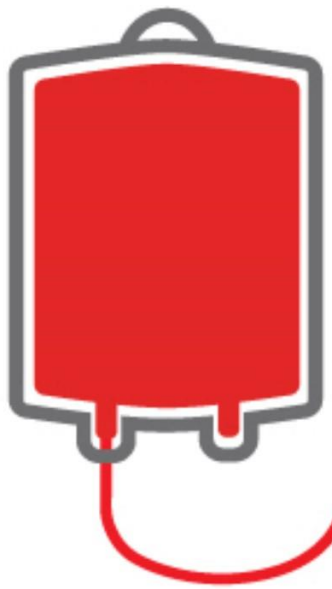
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