

9TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST PARKING LOT/ZOOM WORSHIP

Sunday, July 25, 2021

Opening Scripture: Scott Lafoon
Ephesians 3: 14-21

A Prayer for the Ephesians

¹⁴ For this reason I kneel before the Father, ¹⁵ from whom every family^(a) in heaven and on earth derives its name. ¹⁶ I pray that out of his glorious riches he may strengthen you with power through his Spirit in your inner being, ¹⁷ so that Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith. And I pray that you, being rooted and established in love, ¹⁸ may have power, together with all the Lord's holy people, to grasp how wide and long and high and deep is the love of Christ, ¹⁹ and to know this love that surpasses knowledge—that you may be filled to the measure of all the fullness of God.

²⁰ Now to him who is able to do immeasurably more than all we ask or imagine, according to his power that is at work within us, ²¹ to him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus throughout all generations, for ever and ever! Amen.

Hymn: "I Need Thee Every Hour" Hymnal 397 V1-3

I need thee every hour, most gracious Lord;
no tender voice like thine can peace afford.

Refrain:

I need thee, O I need thee; every hour I need thee;
O bless me now, my Savior, I come to thee.

I need thee every hour, stay thou nearby;
Temptations lose their power when thou art nigh.

Refrain

I need thee every hour, in joy or pain;
come quickly and abide, or life is vain.

Refrain

Welcome: Pastor Scott Clawson

Opening Prayer: God in Unexpected Ways Scott Lafoon

Written by Rev. Terri C. Pilarski, on the Words Matter.Episcopal site, <http://expansivelanguage.blogspot.ca/>.

"May your roots go down deep into the soil of God's marvelous love . . ."

Holy God, bless our lives, sanctify us,
and in your way, grant us our hearts desire.
Anoint us with your grace, that what we desire is also what you desire.

Help us to understand that our hearts' true desire is the love of you.
May the love of Christ urge us on, may we walk by faith.
Thank you God, for all our blessings.

Holy God, bless those who govern –
Bless the leaders of nations, countries, towns, and cities.
And those who lead in all manner – social, political, and religious –
Bless us all. Fill the hearts of all with your wisdom.
Guide us in the way of justice and integrity for all.
Guide us to walk by faith.

Holy God, tend to those who suffer in mind, body, and spirit.
Tend to the tired, the dying, the poor and the hungry.
Help us to follow the love of Christ, a love which urges us on.
Help us to seek and serve Christ in others, bringing forth a new creation.

Holy God, we ask all this in the name of Christ, our redeemer.
Holy God, we ask all this by the Holy Spirit who activates your love in us.
Holy God we ask all this that your love may be like seed scattered—
manifesting in small and unexpected ways—the greatness of You.
May your love may take root in our lives, and we may walk by faith. Amen.

Hymn: "I Need Thee Every Hour" Hymnal 397 V4-5
I need thee every hour, teach me thy will;
and thy rich promises in me fulfill.

Refrain:

I need thee, O I need thee; every hour I need thee;
O bless me now, my Savior, I come to thee.

I need thee every hour, most Holy One;
O make me thine indeed, thou blessed Son.

Refrain

Prayers of the People: Pastor Scott Clawson

Old Testament: Scott Lafoon
2 Kings 4: 1-7

The Widow's Olive Oil

4 The wife of a man from the company of the prophets cried out to Elisha, "Your servant my husband is dead, and you know that he revered the LORD. But now his creditor is coming to take my two boys as his slaves."

² Elisha replied to her, "How can I help you? Tell me, what do you have in your house?"

"Your servant has nothing there at all," she said, "except a small jar of olive oil."

³ Elisha said, "Go around and ask all your neighbors for empty jars. Don't ask for just a few. ⁴ Then go inside and shut the door behind you and your sons. Pour oil into all the jars, and as each is filled, put it to one side."

⁵ She left him and shut the door behind her and her sons. They brought the jars to her and she kept pouring. ⁶ When all the jars were full, she said to her son, "Bring me another one."

But he replied, "There is not a jar left." Then the oil stopped flowing.

⁷ She went and told the man of God, and he said, "Go, sell the oil and pay your debts. You and your sons can live on what is left."

Sermon: Pastor Scott Clawson
"Deep Roots- Visible Grace"



Communion

Hymn: "What Does the Lord Require" Hymnal 441
What does the Lord require for praise and offering?
What sacrifice, desire, or tribute bid you bring?
Do justly; love mercy; walk humbly with your God.

Rulers of earth, give ear! Should you not justice know?
Will God your pleading hear, while crime and cruelty grow?
Do justly; love mercy; walk humbly with your God.

All who gain wealth by trade, for whom the worker toils,
think not to win God's aid, if greed your commerce soils.
Do justly; love mercy; walk humbly with your God.

How shall our life fulfill God's law so hard and high?
Let Christ endue our will with grace to fortify.
Then justly; in mercy; we'll humbly walk with God.

Benediction: Pastor Scott Clawson

Postlude: "Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow" Hymnal 95

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow.

Praise Him, all creatures here below.

Praise Him above, ye heavenly host.

Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen