

*Welcome!*

*September 28, 2025*

*“When You Pray”*

*Matthew 6:7-15*

More than anything else Jesus left us, the Lord’s Prayer stands at the heart and center for all his teachings. It is without doubt the most effective summary of Christian theology ever given.”

--John Killinger, *The God Named Hallowed*

*We Gather for Worship*

Prelude

Welcome and Announcements

**Prayers:** For wellness in our community. For Howard Helton, Sally Haverkamp, Carolyn Stribling, Wendy Hall, Dianne Cole, Cheryl Spaldi, Tom Post, Paulette Booker, Karoline Berg, Lois Wolfe, and Mary Shelton. For those recovering from natural disasters, Gaza, Ukraine, all refugees, all elected officials, peacekeepers, change agents, the ICC, and our fellowship community.

**Prayer Table & Offering:** Our Prayer Table gives us the opportunity to sign a notecard for someone who is in special need of prayer. We also place our offering plate on the Prayer Table because all our gifts to God are prayerful offerings. God moves in our life moment by moment. As an effort to make spontaneous giving easy, you can also donate electronically at [www. paypal.me/norrisrf](http://www.paypal.me/norrisrf) selecting “friends and family” or via square.

**Bible Study:** Bible Study will meet on Wednesday, October 1st at 7pm in the Fellowship Hall and via zoom. Zoom info is sent out in the weekly newsletter and sent out via email the day of Bible Study.

**Fellowship Breakfast:** Fellowship Breakfast will meet on Sunday, October 5<sup>th</sup> at Shoney's. All are invited to join.

**Bond:** If you have items that you would like published in the October Bond, please email them to the Church office at [norrisrf@comcast.net](mailto:norrisrf@comcast.net).

The Lighting of the Peace Candle

Call to Worship:

One: Praise God! Praise the Holy One, O my soul!

**Many: We will sing praises to God our whole lives long!**

One: Praise God in whom we may trust. Praise God in whom we may hope.

**Many: Happy are we whose hope is in the Maker of heaven and earth.**

One: The Holy One lifts the bowed down. The Righteous One loves justice.

**Many: The Holy One brings the way of the wicked to ruin. Praise God who reigns forever!**

**\*Hymn: "Praise to the Lord, the Almighty"** (Red Hymnal, p. 53)

1 Praise to the Lord, the Almighty, the King of creation!  
O my soul, praise him, for he is thy health and salvation!  
All ye who hear,  
now to his temple draw near,  
join me in glad adoration.

2 Praise to the Lord, who o'er all things so wondrously reigneth,  
shelters thee under his wings, yea, so gently sustaineth!  
Hast thou not seen  
how thy desires e'er have been  
granted in what he ordaineth?

3 Praise to the Lord, who doth prosper thy work and defend thee!  
Surely his goodness and mercy here daily attend thee;  
ponder anew  
what the Almighty will do,  
if with his love he befriend thee.

4 Praise to the Lord, who with marvelous wisdom hath made thee,  
decked thee with health, and with loving hand guided and stayed thee.  
How oft in grief  
hath not he brought thee relief,  
spreading his wings to o'ershade thee!

5 Praise to the Lord! O let all that is in me adore him!  
All that hath life and breath, come now with praises before him!  
Let the amen  
sound from his people again;  
gladly fore'er we adore him.

*We Offer Our Prayer and Praise*

Morning Psalm: 91:1-6, 14-16

**Hymn: “Be Thou My Vision”** (Red Hymnal, p. 642)

1 Be Thou my vision, O Lord of my heart;  
naught be all else to me, save that thou art -  
thou my best thought, by day or by night,  
waking or sleeping, thy presence my light.

2 Be thou my wisdom, and thou my true word;  
I ever with thee and thou with me, Lord;  
thou my great Father, I thy true son;  
thou in me dwelling, and I with thee one.

3 Be thou my battle shield, sword for my fight;  
be thou my dignity, thou my delight,  
thou my soul's shelter, thou my high tow'r;  
raise thou me heav'n-ward, O Pow'r of my pow'r.

4 Riches I heed not, nor man's empty praise,  
thou mine inheritance, now and always:  
thou and thou only, first in my heart,  
High King of Heaven, my treasure thou art.

5 High King of heaven, my victory won,  
may I reach heaven's joys, O bright heav'n's Sun!  
Heart of my own heart, whatever befall,  
still be my vision, O Ruler of all.

### **Pastoral Prayer**

### **The Prayers of the People**

### **The Lord's Prayer**

*We Attend to the Word*

Sermon:            "When You Pray"       Dr. Bill Ireland  
                         Matthew 6:7-15

**\*Hymn: "My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less"**

1 My hope is built on nothing less  
than Jesus' blood and righteousness;  
I dare not trust the sweetest frame,  
but wholly lean on Jesus' name.

Refrain:

On Christ, the solid rock, I stand;  
all other ground is sinking sand;  
all other ground is sinking sand.

2 When darkness veils his lovely face,  
I rest on his unchanging grace;  
in every high and stormy gale  
my anchor holds within the veil. [Refrain]

3 His oath, his covenant, his blood  
support me in the whelming flood;  
when all around my soul gives way,  
he then is all my hope and stay. [Refrain]

4 When he shall come with trumpet sound,  
O may I then in him be found;  
dressed in his righteousness alone,  
faultless to stand before the throne. [Refrain]

**\*Benediction**

**\*The Irish Blessing**

**May the road rise to meet you,  
May the wind blow at your back.  
May the sun shine warmly on your face,  
May the rain fall softly on your field.  
And until we meet again,  
Til' we meet again,  
May God hold you in the palm of his hand.**

Postlude