

St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church, Perth
February 28th, 2021
Worship Leader: Rev. Stephen Dunkin

Welcome

Call to Worship

(Based on Psalm 27)

God is our light and our salvation; whom shall we fear?

God is our shelter and refuge on the days of trouble, and our hope and joy on the days of celebration!

Day after day, we seek God's face and the assurance of God's holy love:

O God, do not turn from us or hide your face from us!

Be our guide and our light instead!

One thing we ask of God:

That we may live in God's dwelling place all the days of our life, and never cease to behold the beauty of God's home.

Beloved of God, enter this worship in thanksgiving,
 for God is among and within us!

Thanks be to God!

Prayer of Invocation

All glorious God, we give you thanks:

in your Son, Jesus Christ,

you have given us every spiritual blessing

in the heavenly realms.

You chose us, before the world was made,

to be your holy people, without fault in your sight.

You adopted us as your children in Christ.

You have set us free by his blood;

you have forgiven our sins.

You have made known to us your secret purpose,

to bring heaven and earth into unity in Christ.

You have given us your Holy Spirit,

the seal and pledge of our inheritance.

All praise and glory be yours, O God,

for the richness of your grace,

for the splendor of your gifts,

for the wonder of your love. **Amen.**

Hymn #333:**“I Sing The Mighty Power of God”**

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=abr1xDbjC78>

1. I sing the mighty power of God
That made the mountains rise
That spread the flowing seas abroad
And built the lofty skies
I sing the wisdom that ordained
The sun to rule the day
The moon shines full at His command
And all the stars obey

2. I sing the goodness of the Lord
That filled the earth with food
He formed the creatures with His word
And then pronounced them good
Lord how Thy wonders are displayed
Where'er I turn my eye
If I survey the ground I tread
Or gaze upon the sky

3. There's not a plant or flower below
But makes Thy glories known
And clouds arise and tempests blow
By order from Thy throne
While all that borrows life from Thee
Is ever in Thy care
And everywhere that we can be
Thou God art present there

Call to Confession (Based on Psalm 139:23-24)

Search me, O God, and know my heart;
try me and know my thoughts.
See if there is any wicked way in me,
and lead me in the way everlasting.

Prayer of Confession

Almighty God,
you despise nothing you have made,
and you forgive the sins of all who are penitent.
Create in us new and contrite hearts,
that, truly repenting of our sins
and acknowledging our brokenness,
we may obtain from you, the God of all mercy,

full pardon and forgiveness,
 through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Redeemer,
 who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,
 one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

Assurance of Pardon (Psalm 145:13-14)

The LORD is faithful in all his words,
 and gracious in all his deeds.
 The LORD upholds all who are falling,
 and raises up all who are bowed down.

The Lord's Prayer

**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 debts, as we forgive our debtors.
 And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from the Evil One.
 For Thine is the Kingdom, the power and the glory,
 Forever and ever. Amen.**

Responsive Reading **Psalm 27**

The LORD is my light and my salvation;
 whom shall I fear?

**The LORD is the stronghold of my life;
 of whom shall I be afraid?**

When evildoers assail me
 to eat up my flesh,
 my adversaries and foes,
 it is they who stumble and fall.

**Though an army encamp against me,
 my heart shall not fear;
 though war arise against me,
 yet I will be confident.**

One thing have I asked of the LORD,
 that will I seek after:

**that I may dwell in the house of the LORD
 all the days of my life,
 to gaze upon the beauty of the LORD
 and to inquire in his temple.**

For he will hide me in his shelter
in the day of trouble;

**he will conceal me under the cover of his tent;
he will lift me high upon a rock.**

And now my head shall be lifted up
above my enemies all around me,
and I will offer in his tent
sacrifices with shouts of joy;

I will sing and make melody to the LORD.

**Hear, O LORD, when I cry aloud;
be gracious to me and answer me!**

You have said, "Seek my face."

**My heart says to you,
"Your face, LORD, do I seek."**

Hide not your face from me.

Turn not your servant away in anger,
O you who have been my help.

**Cast me not off; forsake me not,
O God of my salvation!**

For my father and my mother have forsaken me,
but the LORD will take me in.

**Teach me your way, O LORD,
and lead me on a level path
because of my enemies.**

Give me not up to the will of my adversaries;
for false witnesses have risen against me,
and they breathe out violence.

**I believe that I shall look upon the goodness of the LORD
in the land of the living!**

Wait for the LORD;

be strong, and let your heart take courage;
wait for the LORD!

Ministry of Music:

"I Surrender All", Fountainview Academy

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=hqQvda1Q0xk>

1. All to Jesus I surrender
All to Him I freely give
I will ever love and trust Him
In His presence daily live

Chorus

I surrender all
 I surrender all
 All to Thee my blessed Savior
 I surrender all

2. All to Jesus I surrender
 Humbly at His feet I bow
 Worldly pleasures all forsaken
 Take me, Jesus, take me now,

Chorus

I surrender all
 I surrender all
 All to Thee my blessed Savior
 I surrender all

3. All to Jesus I surrender
 Make me Savior wholly Thine
 May Thy Holy Spirit fill me
 May I know Thy power divine

Chorus

I surrender all
 I surrender all
 All to Thee my blessed Savior
 I surrender all

4. All to Jesus I surrender
 Lord I give myself to Thee
 Fill me with Thy love and power
 Let thy blessing fall on me

Chorus

I surrender all
 I surrender all
 All to Thee my blessed Savior
 I surrender all

Scripture Reading:

Philippians 2:19-24

19 I hope in the Lord Jesus to send Timothy to you soon, so that I too may be cheered by news of you. 20 For I have no one like him, who will be genuinely concerned for your welfare. 21 For they all seek their own interests, not those of Jesus Christ. 22 But you know Timothy's proven worth, how as a son with a father he has served with me in the gospel. 23 I hope therefore to send him just as soon as I see how it will go with me, 24 and I trust in the Lord that shortly I myself will come also.

This is the Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

Prayer for Illumination

Lord God,
 help us turn our hearts to you
 and hear what you will speak,
 for you speak peace to your people
 through Christ, our Lord. **Amen.**

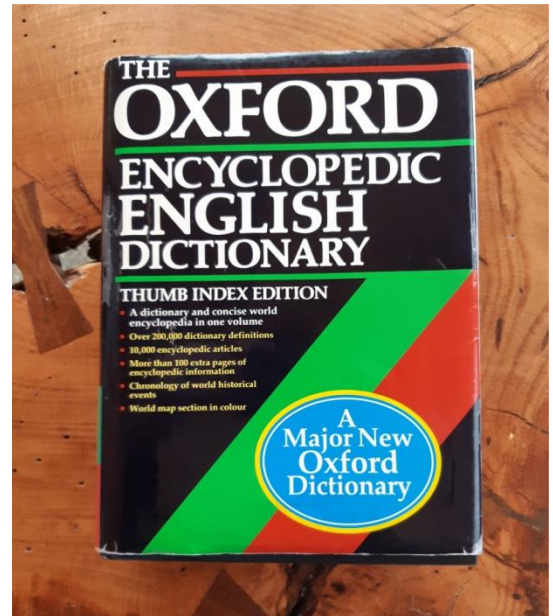
The Interests of Christ

Philippians 2:19-24

I love a good dictionary. I am not crazy about new online dictionaries although I use them on occasion. My dictionary of choice is The Oxford Encyclopedic Dictionary that I bought in 1993. It is a big book of almost 1,800 pages and I wouldn't even hazard a guess at the number of times that I have referred to it whether doing sermon work or out of personal interest. Our daughter Emily uses to kid me about how many times we would be talking about something at the kitchen table and I would say, "Let me just grab the dictionary and check that word out."

I looked up the word "self" and discovered there are three pages of words that contain the word "self". They range all the way from self-abuse to self-indulgent, from self-abasement to self-flattery and from selfishness to selfless. "Self" seems to be one of the most popular and widely used words in the English language. Bookstore shelves, back in the day when we still had a lot of bookstores, were filled with self-help books. People are attracted to seminars that aim at self-improvement. Politicians often seem to be more interested in self-promotion and self-image than they are with the business of governing.

Self.



All this begs the questions, “Is self something to be ignored or put down? Is it something bad? Is there something wrong with people who talk about themselves? People who express how they are feeling? Is it better to ignore ourselves and our needs? Is self-interest wrong?”

Times change. There was a time when you just didn’t talk about yourself to anyone else. That is, you never talked about anything deeply personal. My father tried to drill the following motto into me when I was a growing up. “Don’t wear your feelings on your sleeve.” In other words, don’t let anyone else see what you are really feeling inside. How many times did he tell me that no matter the circumstances “Put a smile on your face and your best foot forward.” In this area I was a big disappointment to my Dad. His teaching didn’t stick.

Nowhere is the difference between generations seen more clearly than in the clergy. There was an older generation that never included themselves in their sermons except for the odd humorous and innocuous remark about something that happened on vacation. Illustrations were allowed as long as they were not personal illustrations. Preachers of that generation could preach year in and year out, and you never knew from their sermons that they had any struggles, particularly in the area of their faith.

Then along came the Baby Boomer generation born after the end of World War II, between 1946 and 1964. That’s my generation, also known as the “me” generation, because we were usually more concerned about ourselves than we were about anyone else. We found it much easier to talk about ourselves. In fact, I have been accused of talking too much about myself. There have been those who said, “That’s all he every talks about!”



Does the Bible address this at all? If we take the example of Paul in Philippians, then very shortly we are going to see that Paul was not afraid to talk about himself. He was not afraid to use himself as an example, but he was also not afraid to speak of his life, warts and all. He was not afraid where he had come from and some of the struggles of his life. And he was certainly not afraid to speak of the transforming impact that coming face to face with Jesus Christ had on his life.

This brings us to another question, “How wise is it to use yourself or even someone else as an example when proclaiming the gospel of Jesus Christ? You might think that this takes us onto very dangerous ground. Douglas Arthur Carson is one of the



most outstanding evangelical scholars of the past 50 years. He lives in the States and served as Research Professor of New Testament at Trinity Evangelical Divinity School until his retirement in 2018. So, the man is no slouch. While he lives in the US, he also happens to be a Canadian, born and raised east of Montreal in Drummondville, Quebec. While he was an undergrad student at McGill,

he and another student ran an evangelistic Bible study out of his dorm room. When he found himself getting out of his depth, he would turn to a grad student named Dave. Dave had a tendency to be a bit abrupt when he was busy.

On this one occasion, Carson took two students from the Bible study to see Dave. Dave, pressed for time as usual, promptly turned to the first student.

“Why have you come to see me?” he asked. The student replied along these lines: “Well, you know, I’ve been going to this Bible study and I realize I should probably learn a bit more about Christianity. I’d also like to learn something of Buddhism, Islam, and other world religions. I’m sure I should broaden my perspectives, and this period while I am a university student seems like a good time to explore religion a little. If you can help me with some of it, I’d be grateful.”

Dave stared at him for a few seconds and then said, “I’m sorry, I don’t have time for you.” My jaw dropped. The student thus addressed was equally nonplussed and blurted out, “I beg your pardon?” Dave replied, “I’m sorry, I don’t mean to be rude, but I only have so much time. I’m a graduate student with a heavy program myself. If you have a dilettante’s (*superficial*) interest in Christianity, I’m sure there are people around who could spend a lot of time and energy showing you the ropes. I can introduce you to some of them and give you some books. When you’re really interested in Christ, come and see me again. But under the present circumstances, I don’t have time.”

He turned to the second student. “Why did you come?” After listening to the rebuff administered to the first student, the second may have been a bit cowed. But gamely he plowed on. “I come from what you people would call a liberal home. We don’t believe the way you do. But it’s a good home, a happy home. My parents loved their children; disciplined us; set a good example; and encouraged us to be courteous, honorable, and hardworking. And for the life of me I can’t see that you people who think of yourselves as Christians are any better. Apart from a whole lot of abstract theology, what have you got that I haven’t?”

This time I held my breath to see what Dave would say. Once again, he stared at his interlocutor (*a person who takes part in a conversation*) for a few seconds, and then he simply said, “Watch me.” I suppose my mouth dropped open again. The student, whose name was Rick, said something like, “I’m sorry, I don’t understand.”

Dave answered, “Watch me. Come and live with me for a month, if you like. Be my guest. Watch what I do when I get up, what I do when I’m on my own, how I work, how I use my time, how I talk with people, and what my values are. Come with me wherever I go. And at the end of the month, you tell me if there is any difference.”

Rick did not take Dave up on his invitation, at least not in exactly those terms. But he did get to know Dave better; and in due course Rick became a Christian, married a Christian woman and the two of them—becoming medical doctors—practiced medicine and lived out their faith both in Canada and overseas.

Dave really laid his life on the line. I am not sure that I would be brave enough to say to an enquirer, “Come live with me.” I feel that what you believe is very important, but if that does not impact how you live in a strong way, then it is unlikely that what you have experienced is true Christianity. What I am trying to say is that what distinguishes the Christian from the non-Christian is not just that you have two differing sets of beliefs, but that your experience of Jesus Christ transforms your life and how you live. You will not just be the same as everyone else. You will be different. It is not because you will wear different clothes or have a cross around your neck. It will not be because you go to church on Sunday or sing in the choir. Your lifestyle will be different. You will be different and people who know you will be aware of that difference.

Let us go back to early part of Philippians 2 again.

3 Do nothing from selfish ambition or (vain) conceit, but in humility count others more significant than yourselves. 4 Let each of you look not only to his own interests, but also to the interests of others. 5 Have this mind among yourselves, which is yours in Christ Jesus...

From these verses we learn that selfish ambition is a no-no. Instead, we are called to be humble. Also notice the word “interest” which is used infrequently in the New Testament, except in Philippians. From what I read here, I conclude that while selfish ambition is always wrong, looking out for your own interests is not bad as long as you are also looking out for the interests of others. In other words, there needs to be a balance. You have needs and I have needs. It is important that those needs are met. Wants are a completely different kettle of fish. I can survive very well without my wants being met, but needs are important. It is alright to look out for your own needs and interests but not at the expense of the needs of others.

Now we come to our passage for today. Paul again uses the word “interest” but in a different way.

19 I hope in the Lord Jesus to send Timothy to you soon, so that I too may be cheered by news of you. 20 For I have no one like him, who will be genuinely concerned for your welfare. 21 For they all seek their own interests, not those of Jesus Christ.

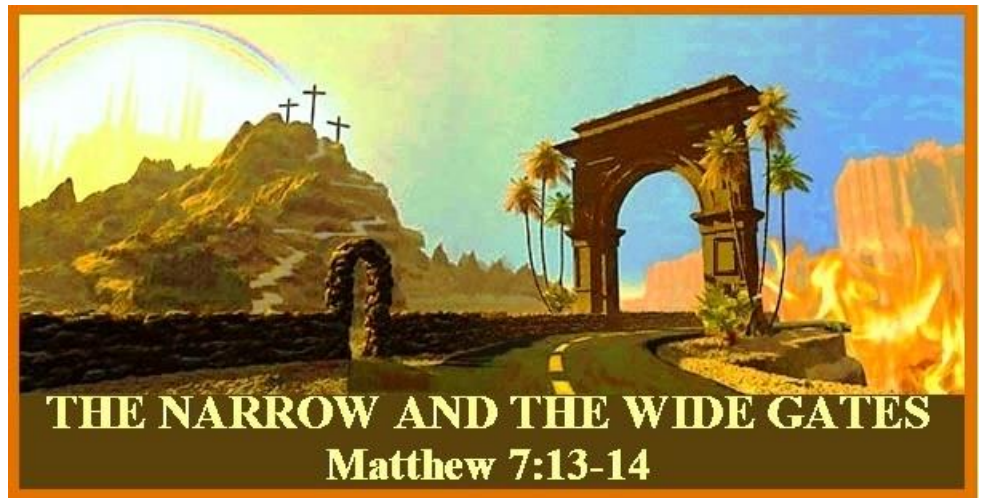
Paul desperately wants to visit this struggling church in Philippi, but of course, his circumstances don't permit it. He is under arrest, chained day and night between two members of the elite Praetorian Guard. Desperate to know how they are doing, he hopes to send a fellow Christian worker in his place. This young man, whose name is Timothy and with whom Paul has a special relationship as a spiritual mentor, was the only one Paul could send. Listen to how Paul describes him. **For I have no one like him.** Why is Timothy so different from many other Christians that Paul knew in Rome? Why was he Paul's number one choice for this mission? It is because he will be **genuinely concerned for your welfare.** Here was a man who was not consumed with selfish ambition or vain conceit. His was a genuine interest in their welfare. This was not just a job for Timothy. He didn't do this just because he was getting paid because he probably got nothing for this trip. There was no unlimited expense account. He did this because he had a genuine concern for these people. The problem with sending anyone else was, **21 For they all seek their own interests, not those of Jesus Christ.** There is a hierarchy of interests presented here. At the very top there are the interests of Jesus Christ. For the Christian, the interests of Christ always come first. Below that, in the number two positions are the interests of others and our own interests. These two need to be in balance, but the priority very clearly needs to be the interests of Christ.

Does this make any sense to you? Is it practical to put the interests of Christ first in our lives? The answer is No! It is not practical, but it is essential if you want to be a follower of Jesus Christ. Jesus never said that following him was practical. In fact, he made it very clear that it was hard.

In Matthew 7 Jesus spoke of two different gates and two different roads.

13 “Enter by the narrow gate. For the gate is wide and the way is easy that leads to destruction, and those who enter by it are

many. **14** For the gate is narrow and the way is hard that leads to life, and those who find it are few.



On the one hand there is the wide gate and the easy road. This is the most practical path to follow. The only problem is that it leads to destruction. On the other hand, there is a narrow path with a narrow gate that you have to squeeze through.

Practical people take the wide path because it is so much easier. Why make life difficult when it can be easy? It is easier to take the way of self-interest rather than looking out for the interests of Christ or the interests of others. In Matthew 16 Jesus says, **24** ... “**If anyone would come after me, let him deny himself and take up his cross and follow me.** What does it mean to deny yourself? It means to put the interests of Christ first.

My favourite play in my last year of High School was **A Man For All Seasons**. There are two scenes in the play which are memorable for me. In one of them, a young man named Riche comes to see the principal character Sir Thomas Moore. He is looking for a teaching position. More, an English statesman was Lord Chancellor during the reign of Henry VIII, so we are talking about the early 1530's. More was a close and popular friend of the King until he refused to support Henry's request for a divorce from Catherine of Aragon so he could marry Anne Boleyn. More is portrayed in the play – and the movie – as a brilliant lawyer and a man of deep religious conviction. In order for Henry to get his way, More was put on trial, but the Crown was unable to build a case against him. That is, it was unable to build a case until



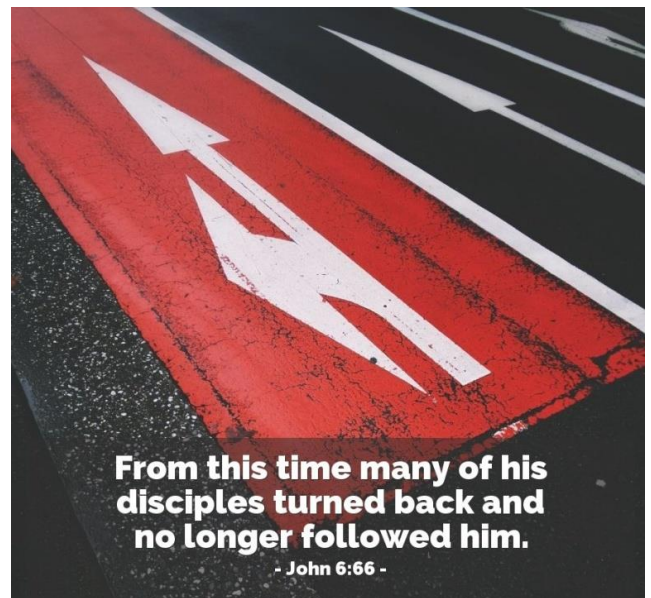
Riche stepped forward and through perjury accused More of accepting a bribe. After Riche has given his testimony and is leaving the court, Sir Thomas notices that he is wearing the chain of a high office holder. In return for his testimony, Riche has been granted a high position in Wales. After questioning him, More quotes these words from Matthew 16, which ring in my ears as clearly today

as they did 53 years ago. “Rich”, he says, “**26 For what is a man profited, if he shall gain the whole world, and lose his own soul? *But for Wales?***”

Jesus understands human nature better than anyone. He is in full accord with the prophet Jeremiah who writes in chapter 17: **9 The heart is deceitful above all things, and desperately sick; who can understand it?** Jesus was skeptical of human nature and the kind of motives that lead us to do the things we do. In John 2 we read,

23 Now when he was in Jerusalem at the Passover Feast, many believed in his name when they saw the signs that he was doing. 24 But Jesus on his part did not entrust himself to them, because he knew all people 25 and needed no one to bear witness about man, for he himself knew what was in man.

Most people follow Jesus today because of the blessings that they receive from him. In John 6, after the feeding of the 5,000, the people followed Jesus like he was the Pied Piper. Here is what Jesus said to them on that occasion. **26 Jesus answered them, “Truly, truly, I say to you, you are seeking me, not because you saw signs, but because you ate your fill of the loaves.** They followed Jesus because of the benefits – for what he could do for them. They followed him out of self-interest. Cut off the bread and they would stop following him. At the end of John 6, Jesus had some hard things to say. Where did the crowds go after hearing those hard words? The crowd evaporated! What about the many other followers of Jesus? **66 After this many of his disciples turned back and no longer walked with him.** If the road was not going



to be easy, they didn't want to walk it. If the blessings did not flow like an uninterrupted stream, then they would look for greener pastures. Jesus was left with only the Twelve. **67 So Jesus said to the twelve, "Do you want to go away as well?" 68 Simon Peter answered him, "Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life.**

To his disappointment, Paul discovered the same thing to be true. When it came to co-labourers in the work of Gospel, **they all seek their own interests, not those of Jesus Christ.** Only Timothy could be trusted. Only Timothy took a genuine interest in the welfare of others. If we would be serious disciples of Jesus Christ, then one of the examples we should look at is that of Timothy. I bet Timothy could say:

"Watch me. Come and live with me for a month, if you like. Be my guest. Watch what I do when I get up, what I do when I'm on my own, how I work, how I use my time, how I talk with people, and what my values are. Come with me wherever I go. And at the end of the month, you tell me if there is any difference between a true Christian and a non-Christian."

Hymn #644: "May the Mind of Christ My Saviour"

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Y_ZBhSxWots

1. May the mind of Christ my Saviour
Live in me from day to day
By His love and power controlling
All I do and say
2. May the word of God enrich me
With His truth from hour to hour
So that all may see I triumph
Only through His power
3. May the peace of God my Father
Rule my life in everything
That I may be calm to comfort
Sick and sorrowing
4. May the love of Jesus fill me
As the waters fill the sea
Him exalting self abasing
This is victory
5. May I run the race before me
Strong and brave to face the foe
Looking only unto Jesus
As I onward go
6. May His beauty rest upon me
As I seek the lost to win

And may they forget the channel
Seeing only him

Offering

Presenting our tithes and offerings is an act of worship. I want to encourage you to write a cheque and drop it in the mail to the church using your envelope, if you have one. (St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church, PO Box 161, 1 Drummond St W, Perth, ON K7H 3E3) **We also have another option for you for giving and that is you can make an e-Transfer.** This note from our treasurer.

E-transfers are now accepted. Please note the new email address for this purpose only. standrewspert offering@gmail.com Please include your Offering Envelope # in the message section of the INTERAC transfer page you fill in. If you wish any part of your donation to go to a specific fund (eg Presbyterian Sharing) please mention this in your message.

Invitation to Offering (Matthew 10:8)

Jesus said, "Freely you have received, freely give."
Let us present our tithes and offerings to the Lord.

Offertory Prayer

Mighty God and Father, you overwhelm us with your great mercy.
At the time of our greatest need you surprised us with your wondrous love.
Jesus offered his life for us to remove our dreadful curse.
As you draw us into this renewing relationship of love,
may we respond with gratitude
as we offer the substance of our souls to continue the ministry of Christ.
For his name and glory, we pray and present our gifts. **Amen!**

Call to Prayer

God calls us to be a praying people.
Let us join in prayer, offering our praise, thanksgiving, and intercession to God.

Pastoral Prayer

O God, whom to know is to love,
and whom to love is to find true life,
you have invited us to pray to you,
so, this morning we do that
in and through the good and strong name of Christ Jesus, our Lord.
We thank you that we can be here this morning.
We're grateful that you have kept us safe through a week of work,
of travel, of learning, of play.
We thank you that you have protected many of us on snowy and icy roads

even as we remain glad for the blessing of shelter during winter months and always.

For furnaces that warm us,

for storm windows that provide a buffer between the cold and us,

for sweaters and blankets we can wrap around ourselves,

for coats and mittens to wear when we do go outdoors—

for all these blessings,

and for the money we have to purchase it all in the first place,

we render to you, our Provider God, our thanks and praise.

But we are mindful too of the many people

in the surrounding area and elsewhere whose shelters are inadequate, if they have a roof over their heads at all.

We summon to mind the ill-clad,

those who cannot pay the gas bill,

those whose mittens are threadbare,

and those whose poorly insulated windows whistle when the wind blows.

We pray for those who find themselves out of work due to the present pandemic.

We cannot be grateful for the ways you provide for most of us, O Lord, without praying for your providence in the lives of the needy.

In your good name, help your people always

to be reaching out and in so doing

to be the hands and fingers of you, Father God.

This morning we also thank you for this church

and for the many volunteers who every week devote long hours

to lending an ear to the lonely,

to providing a window on your Word to neighborhood children

who need to know that you are love.

When the fruit of this kind of labor seems difficult to see,

may your Spirit distribute bursts of renewed energy and encouragement.

When frustrating and seemingly insoluble problems present themselves,

grant a wisdom and clarity of vision that can help.

We petition for other needs in this place as well, O Lord.

Continue to be with our sick and suffering members

and many others who feel ravaged by the effects of old age.

We pray especially for those who are trapped in their homes

to escape the ravages of COVID-19.

Sustain family members who grieve silently as they watch helplessly

what appears to be a growing shadow of Alzheimer's disease

in the mind of a dear person.

Also be especially merciful to our members
who have been living in the presence of that terrible shadow for a long time,
having already bid farewell to one they still love but can no longer reach.
Be too with the many people of this congregation
who suffer in silence as many days as not.
Stand near those who are haunted by bad memories
or who bear the scars of abuse that happened years ago
but still lingers with fresh effects each new morning.
Fortify those who experience panic attacks,
who feel afraid all the time without knowing why.
Lend light to those who pass their days in gloomy clouds of depression.
Signal your love to those who sometimes feel so frustrated at the way
life is turning out that they scarcely know what to do with themselves
Be with our young children who wither under the taunts of other children,
who poke fun of their weight or their complexion
or their lisp or their off-brand clothing.
Life in this world is not always a picnic, dear God.
Some days are just plain miserable.
The gospel tells us you understand this firsthand through Jesus, our Lord.
Remind us of this compassion and shower us with your love,
especially on days when the love of other people
seems remote or spotty at best.
Yet there are joys too, and we thank you for those gifts.
There are good days too, and we aim our praise for such times
to you first and foremost.
You, O God, have been our help in the past,
and you are our bright hope for years to come.
Your gospel and the holy supper that seals your Word to us
in a new and fresh way is the bright center of our lives.
So, bless us in the balance of this service.
You have brought us to the blessing of a new morning.
Grant us your presence, and support us all the day long,
until the shadows lengthen and the evening comes,
and the busy world is hushed, and the fever of life is over,
and our work is done.
Then, in your mercy, grant us a safe lodging, and a holy rest,
and peace at the last.
In the Christ, **Amen.**

Hymn: “Before The Throne of God Above”, Grace Community Church
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=fAJyGZlbeTg>

Before the throne of God above
 I have a strong and perfect plea
 A great High Priest whose name is love
 Who ever lives and pleads for me
 My name is graven on His hands
 My name is written on His heart
 I know that while in heav'n He stands
 No tongue can bid me thence depart
 No tongue can bid me thence depart

When Satan tempts me to despair
 And tells me of the guilt within
 Upward I look and see Him there
 Who made an end of all my sin
 Because the sinless Savior died
 My sinful soul is counted free
 For God the Just is satisfied
 To look on Him and pardon me
 To look on Him and pardon me

Behold Him there, the risen Lamb
 My perfect, spotless Righteousness
 The great unchangeable I AM
 The King of glory and of grace
 One with Himself, I cannot die
 My soul is purchased by his blood
 My life is hid with Christ on high
 With Christ my Saviour and my God
 With Christ my Saviour and my God

Benediction

Go now to all to whom God sends you,
 and speak whatever words God gives you.
 Rejoice in the truth and do not be afraid.
 Let all that you do and all that you say
 be filled with love, for love never ends.

And may God be with you always to deliver you;
 May Christ Jesus put his gracious words in your mouth;
 And may the Holy Spirit bring you to completeness in faith, hope and love.

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.