

September 14 - 20, 2025

Jeremiah 4:11-12, 22-28; Psalm 14, 30, 118:15-21;
1 Timothy 1:12-17; Luke 7:1-10, 15:1-10; Matthew 11:25-28

SUNDAY – PREPARATION

CENTERING

Come, Holy Spirit. Fill the hearts of your faithful. Kindle in us the fire of your love.

Be still and soak in the goodness of the God of Love.

(Pause – Bell)

OPENING PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

O Great Spirit, we give thanks that you come to us, guide us and comfort us. We rejoice in the beauty of each morning and the opportunities that each new day brings us.
Amen.

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With the bread that we need for today, feed us. In the hurts that we absorb from one another, forgive us. In times of temptation and test, strengthen us. From trials too great to endure, spare us. From the grip that is evil, free us. For you reign in the glory of the power that is love. Now and forever, now and forevermore. Amen.

SCRIPTURE READING: Psalm 30

REFLECTION PROMPT:

Reflect on the psalmist’s questioning and rejoicing.

PRAYER OF INTERCESSION

God of those who feel lost and lonely and those who are suffering and are in pain, we pray you will hear our prayers of intercession and confession, forgive us our sins as we forgive those who may have hurt us as we

acknowledge that all your children are our brothers and sisters. We trust in you and pray in the name of your precious son. Amen

(Pause- Bell)

SENDING FORTH

Go into the world today with the assurance that God is with us and give us a wonderful community to offer support and guidance.

CLOSING PRAYER

May our lives be a prayer;
May God work through our prayers;
May our work be an answer;
To God's will working through us.
May we rest in God's love;
May God's rest feed our souls;
May our table be open;
May we welcome friends and foes.
May the poor be our neighbors;
May our neighbors be blessed.
Amen

MONDAY – PRAYER

CENTERING

Sing joyfully to the Lord, you righteous;
it is fitting for the upright to praise him.
Praise the Lord with the harp;
make music to him on the ten-stringed lyre.
Sing to him a new song;
play skillfully, and shout for joy.
Psalms 33:1-3

Be still and rejoice in the songs of the Lord!

(Pause- Bell)

OPENING PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

We thank you for the privilege of coming to you, O God, with prayers of joy and thankfulness. We praise you for your great goodness and patience. With hearts full of gratitude, we pray. Amen.

(Pause- Bell)

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(Pause- Bell)

SCRIPTURE READING: Luke 7:1-10

REFLECTION PROMPT

Reflect on our measure of faith in respect to those in the gospel.

(Pause- Bell)

PRAYER OF INTERCESSION

Jesus the Christ, you came to renew us in the image of God. We want to shine in the darkness. Enable us to see you in each person we encounter. Guide us to help where we can. We ask for your presence in the lives of those who need you most. Amen.

(Pause- Bell)

CLOSING PRAYER

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May God's rest feed our souls;
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Amen.

TUESDAY – WORK

CENTERING

As the day dawns, we rejoice in the work of the Lord!

Be still and aware of the joy in the journey.

(Pause- Bell)

OPENING PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

God of the universe, we praise you that we are fearfully and wonderfully made in your image. May your spirit continue to empower us to do the work for which you have called us. We give thanks for the day and the many opportunities it affords us. Amen.

(Pause- Bell)

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(Pause- Bell)

SCRIPTURE READING: Luke 15:1-10

REFLECTION PROMPT

Reflect on the gospel and the parables of sheep and coins.

(Pause- Bell)

PRAYER OF INTERCESSION

Jesus our Christ, Our world can be cold and uncaring, breaking our hearts and making us feel hopeless. When we feel distant from God, you are our light. When we are confused and dumbfounded, you are our light. We are

grateful for your presence in our lives and in our world and for being our light. Amen.

(Pause- Bell).

CLOSING PRAYER

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Amen

WEDNESDAY – TABLE

CENTERING

How precious to me are your thoughts, God!
How vast is the sum of them!
Were I to count them,
they would outnumber the grains of sand—
when I awake, I am still with you.
Psalm 139:17-18

Be still and relish the presence of our loving God in our hearts.

(Pause- Bell)

OPENING PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

Loving and gracious Lord, we give you thanks for the abundant blessings in our lives. For the love of family and friends, for your strength given us each day, for the hope you provide, for your goodness and endless grace. We are grateful for your presence and the gift of one another. Amen.

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(Pause- Bell)

SCRIPTURE READING: 1 Timothy 1:12-17

REFLECTION PROMPT

Reflect on the scripture and do we show others the mercy given to us?

(Pause- Bell)

PRAYER OF INTERCESSION

We come to you, precious God, with broken hearts for our world today. We yearn for peace and an end to conflict, compassion for those suffering, and wisdom for leaders to govern justly. We ask for your wisdom, guidance and presence to heal divisions, protect the vulnerable, and usher in an era of your amazing justice and love. Amen.

(Pause – Bell)

SENDING FORTH

Let us go forth with thanksgiving, kindness, compassion and love evident in each of our words and actions throughout the day.

CLOSING PRAYER

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Amen.

THURSDAY – NEIGHBOR

CENTERING

As we open our day together, let us prepare our hearts to receive truth and understanding. Let us open our minds to understand and our hearts to embrace the teaching of our loving God.

Be still and aware of God's goodness in our lives – today and always.

(Pause- Bell)

OPENING PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

Lord of the universe, we come before you with hearts full of praise for your glory and grace. We are grateful as we gather today in your spirit and truth. Thank you for filling us with your Holy Spirit and preparing our hearts to receive your word and all your many blessings. Amen.

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(Pause- Bell)

SCRIPTURE READING: Psalm 14

REFLECTION PROMPT

Reflect on psalmist's belief and disbelief.

(Pause- Bell)

PRAYER OF INTERCESSION

Creator of all, we come before you today as a community of faith, lifting up the many needs of our world your gracious care. We hold before you all

those who are suffering in mind, body, or circumstances asking for your healing presence, strength, and peace. We offer these prayers, trusting in your boundless goodness, love, and power. We thank you for your unwavering presence and the promise that you are always with your children in the margins. Amen.

(Pause- Bell)

SENDING FORTH

Let us go forth in peace to love and serve the Lord in the world rejoicing in the power of the Spirit.

CLOSING PRAYER

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FRIDAY – REST

CENTERING

Slowly breathe in the goodness of God and his creativity in all of nature.

Breathe out remembering his goodness and love.

(Pause- Bell)

OPENING PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

Christ, we are thankful that you offer us the gift of rest. May we remember that rest is necessary to refill and replenish our depleted bodies and minds.

(Pause- Bell)

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(Pause- Bell)

SCRIPTURE READING: Matthew 11:25-28

REFLECTION PROMPT

Do we always find yoke of Jesus to be easy and his burden is light?

(Pause- Bell)

PRAYER OF INTERCESSION

Creator God, author of all freedom, you have created all your people as one family in your image. We pray for a world where true freedom and justice reign, where the weak are protected and the poor are cared for. Guide the nations of the world into the path of your truth and justice. Silence the hands of violence, dismantle tyranny, and establish peace among all of humanity. Give us the courage and inspiration to be agents of your love and justice in the world. We bring prayers for ourselves and for others to you this day. Amen.

(Pause- Bell)

SENDING FORTH

May our words and our actions reflect God's will for a society built on fairness, equality, and the dignity of every human being.

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SATURDAY – CELEBRATION

CENTERING

Let us celebrate this day and the many blessings it contains!

Be still and revel in the celebrations of God’s goodness.

(Pause- Bell)

OPENING PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

Loving Creator of all goodness, we give thanks for life. Our hearts are full of gratitude for your countless blessings and your unwavering love. We offer thanks for the air we breathe and for the strength you give every day. Thank you for family, friends, and our community. Even in times of trial, we thank you for the lessons and the growth that come from trusting in you. Amen.

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(Pause- Bell)

SCRIPTURE Psalm 118:15-21

REFLECTION PROMPT

Reflect on the joy of the psalmist!

(Pause- Bell)

PRAYER OF INTERCESSION

Living and loving God who helps us discern, we pray for those who engage in the long and thankless labor, for those who struggle with anger, anxiety, or trauma, and those whose dignity has been denied and gifts rejected. Teach us to comfort the afflicted and afflict the comfortable. O God with us, we are thankful for your presence and guidance. Amen.

(Pause- Bell)

SENDING FORTH

Go forth this day giving thanksgiving with every breath. May every action be wrapped in compassion and every word be filled with kindness.

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