

**Monday, October 23, 2023**

**Morning Prayer**

O Lord, open our lips. **And we shall declare your praise.**

Holy God, the morning time is always a blessing. We pray that you use this morning to usher in an abundance of blessings into our lives and the lives of the students and all gathered here today. This morning, we're seeking you diligently. So, let this morning bring us your word of unfailing love like we have never experienced. As you bless us Lord, may we be a blessing to those in this time and place. In Jesus' name, Amen.

**HYMN – 829 - My Faith Looks Up To Thee (vv. 1-3)**

**Psalms of the Day (Ps. 63:1-8 NRSV)**

<sup>1</sup>O God, you are my God; I seek you; my soul thirsts for you; my flesh faints for you, as in a dry and weary land where there is no water.

<sup>2</sup>**So I have looked upon you in the sanctuary, beholding your power and glory.**

<sup>3</sup>Because your steadfast love is better than life, my lips will praise you.

<sup>4</sup>**So I will bless you as long as I live; I will lift up my hands and call on your name.**

<sup>5</sup>My soul is satisfied as with a rich feast, and my mouth praises you with joyful lips,

<sup>6</sup>**when I think of you on my bed and meditate on you in the watches of the night,**

<sup>7</sup>for you have been my help, and in the shadow of your wings, I sing for joy.

<sup>8</sup>**My soul clings to you; your right hand upholds me.**

**Exodus 40:34-38 NRSV - The Cloud and the Glory**

<sup>34</sup>Then the cloud covered the tent of meeting, and the glory of the LORD filled the tabernacle. <sup>35</sup>Moses was not able to enter the tent of meeting because the cloud settled upon it, and the glory of the LORD filled the tabernacle. <sup>36</sup>Whenever the cloud was taken up from the tabernacle, the Israelites would set out on each stage of their journey, <sup>37</sup>but if the cloud was not taken up, then they did not set out until the day that it was taken up. <sup>38</sup>For the cloud of the LORD was on the tabernacle by day, and fire was in the cloud by night, before the eyes of all the house of Israel at each stage of their journey.

(Take time for silent meditation or speak a short meditation or lectio divina)

**PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE**

Together, let us pray:

Glorious God we come to you today in wonder and awe. Today, we sing our thanksgivings to you for: The beauty of creation and the wonder of living. The love of family and community and friends. All particular blessings of this day and for opportunities to be of service for Your Good world, for the mission and ministry of the

church and for the people of this university...*(allow silence for other prayers to be said out loud)*

“Lord, in your mercy”      **“Hear our prayer”**

for those who are sick in body, mind of spirit, for those who suffer and those in trouble, those who are followers and those who have not yet heard your voice... *(allow silence for other prayers to be said out loud)*

“Lord, in your mercy,” **“Hear our prayer”**

for the concerns of this local community and all communities represented here today... *(allow silence for other prayers to be said out loud)*

“Lord, in your mercy,” **“Hear our prayer”**

for the world, its peoples, and its leaders, for the peace and justice that only you can give... *(allow silence for other prayers to be said out loud)*

“Lord, in your mercy,” **“Hear our prayer”**

for the earth you have given to our care... *(allow silence for other prayers)*

“Lord, in your mercy,” **“Hear our prayer”**

for the Church of Christ in every land... *(allow silence for other prayers)*

“Lord, in your mercy,” **“Hear our prayer”**

As you cause the sun to rise, O God, bring the light of Christ to dawn our souls and dispel all darkness. Give us grace to reflect Christ’s glory, and let his love show in our deeds, his peace shine in our words, and his healing in our touch, that all may give him praise, now and forever. And now we are bold to pray that which Jesus taught us.

**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. Save us from the time of trial, and deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and forever. Amen.**

Hymn 688 – Spirit of God, Descend upon My Heart (vv. 1,3 &4)

**Benediction-** May the God of hope fill us with all joy and peace through the power of the Holy Spirit. **Amen. Bless the Lord, the Lord’s name be praised.**