



He will **ENDURE**  
as long as the **SUN,**  
as long as the **MOON,**  
through all **GÉNÉRATIONS.**

**PSALM 72:5, NIV**

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## GATHERING . . . WORD . . . SENDING

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### PRELUDE

### WELCOME

### SINGING BOWL

### INVOCATION FOR INDEPENDENCE DAY

*P: Creator and Ruler of humankind: while songs of our nation's birth ring in our hearts, remind us to celebrate the oneness of the race you have created and the openness of the church you have loved.*

**All: And help us, who are your church in this place, to be truly open to all your children and to pray for the coming of the day when all shall be one in Jesus who has broken down all the walls that now divide us. This we pray in the name of Jesus Christ. Amen**

### CALL TO WORSHIP

L: Creator God, you have created us to walk with you.

**All: Help us walk with you in this time of worship, that we may be strengthened to walk with you all the days of our lives.**

L: As we come to you this day, bless us with your grace and your rest,

**All: that we may find renewal and the strength to serve with confidence and joy. Amen.**

## **A PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

*P: Prophetic One, you call us to new places and new ways.*

**All: You challenge us to dance new steps and to sing new songs.**

*P: We yearn to follow you with confidence and joy, but our resistance is often stronger than our willingness.*

**All: At times, our steps falter.**

*P: At moments, we can't even hear your voice, let alone recognize your song in our hearts.*

**All: Strengthen us with your mercy.**

*P: Renew us with your grace.*

**All: Sing to us with your compassion.**

*P: Connect us with your unconditional love, that we may follow joyously, dance confidently, and sing praise and love with every act and with every word of our lives.*

**All: In your holy name, we pray. Amen.**

Silence for Reflection

*P: Rejoice and give thanks.*

**All: With grace, Christ is already carrying our burdens to renew our souls.**

*P: With mercy,*

**All: Christ is already shouldering our load to strengthen our lives.**

## **THE PRAYER OF THE DAY**

**L: You are great, O God, and greatly to be praised.**

**All: You have made us for yourself, and our hearts are restless until they rest in you. Grant that we may believe in you, call upon you, know you, and serve you, through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

## INTRODUCTION TO THE WORD

Reader: You are the living God who sustains all life in continually unfolding ways. And now may we open our ears to your continually unfolding Word. You speak to us in new and vital and imperative ways.

**All: With all the power you have given us, let us be silent and open to listening... for nourishment, comfort, for challenge and new focus. Amen.**

Reader: Today's reading is from the eleventh chapter of Matthew beginning with the sixteenth verse.

## GOSPEL . . . *Matthew 11:16-19, 25-30*

[Jesus spoke to the crowd saying:] "To what will I compare this generation? It is like children sitting in the marketplaces and calling to one another,

'We played the flute for you, and you did not dance; we wailed, and you did not mourn.'

For John came neither eating nor drinking, and they say, 'He has a demon'; the Son of Man came eating and drinking, and they say, 'Look, a glutton and a drunkard, a friend of tax collectors and sinners!' Yet wisdom is vindicated by her deeds."

At that time Jesus said, "I thank you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth, because you have hidden these things from the wise and the intelligent and have revealed them to infants; yes, Father, for such was your gracious will. All things have been handed over to me by my Father; and no one knows the Son except the Father, and no one knows the Father except the Son and anyone to whom the Son chooses to reveal him.

"Come to me, all you that are weary and are carrying heavy burdens, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you, and learn from me; for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light."

## **RESPONSE TO THE WORD**

Reader: Word of God, word of life.

**All: Thanks be to God.**

**CHILDREN'S TIME . . .** *Pastor Tim*

**HOMILY . . .** *Pastor Tim*

## **OFFERING**

### **OFFERTORY PRAYER**

L: God of goodness and growth, all creation is yours,

**All: and your faithfulness is as firm as the heavens.**

L: Water and word, wine and bread:

**All: these are signs of your abundant grace.**

L: Nourish us through these gifts,

**All: that we might proclaim your steadfast love in our communities and in the world, through Jesus Christ, our strength and our song. Amen.**

### **THE PRAYER OF THE CHURCH**

L: Called into unity with one another and the whole creation, let us pray for our shared world. We pray for the church. Sustain us as we share your word. Embrace us as we struggle to find our common ground. Lift up leaders with powerful and prophetic voices. Free us from stagnant faith. Hear us, O God.

**All: Your mercy is great.**

L: We pray for the well-being of creation. Protect the air, water, and land from abuse and pollution. Free us from apathy in our care of creation and direct us toward sustainable living. Hear us, O God.

**All: Your mercy is great.**

L: We pray for the nations. Guide leaders in developing just policies and guide difficult conversations. Free us from patriotism that hinders relationship-building. Lead us to expansive love for our neighbor. Hear us, O God.

**All: Your mercy is great.**

L: We pray for all in need. For all who are tired, feeling despair, sick, or oppressed. Take their yoke upon you and ease their burdens. Give your consolation and free us from all that keeps us bound. Hear us, O God.

**All: Your mercy is great.**

L: Hear now the prayers of our hearts said silently or aloud.

Here other prayers may be offered.

L: Hear us, O God.,

**All: Your mercy is great.**

L: Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us:

**All: 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.**

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**BENEDICTION**

P: May the steadfast love of God surround you;  
The vulnerable love of Jesus Christ inspire you;  
The penetrating power of the Holy Spirit surprise you.

**All: We go to share God's love with the world.**

## **DISMISSAL**

L: Go forth, as people renewed by the love of God.

**All: We go forth, to renew others with this very love.**

## **POSTLUDE**

## **SINGING BOWL**

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