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OPENING PRAYER

Almighty God, unto whom all hearts and minds are exposed, and from whom nothing is hidden, have mercy upon your creation. Please accept our offerings of praise and thanksgiving. Let them rise and become a sweet-smelling savor to you. We acknowledge you are Creator, Redeemer, and Sustainer. Have your way in this service. Let your Spirit speak to us as we seek to worship you in spirit and in truth. We enter this service with thanksgiving and praise. Help us leave committed to bringing about your kingdom on earth as it is in heaven. In Jesus' name, we pray. Amen.



Welcome

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Community Thanksgiving Service,

Tuesday, November 24, 7:30 PM

The teleconference starts at 7:30 pm
(EST)

Teleconferencing phone number:
646.558.8656

Meeting ID: 889 2547 6178

Password: 532891

URL for the video call:
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88925476178?pwd=c0lKQk1KYzVUMXRsZ3ExUStWMFhaZz09>

Noon Day Prayer - Monday - Friday VIA
ZOOM

Advent Study - November 29 - December
21, 7:00 PM VIA ZOOM

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Church of Plainfield, New Jersey

UNISON CALL TO WORSHIP (Psalm 95:1-7a)

- O come, let us sing to the LORD; let us make a joyful noise to the rock of our salvation! Let us come into his presence with thanksgiving; let us make a joyful noise to him with songs of praise! For the LORD is a great God, and a great King above all gods. In his hand are the depths of the earth; the heights of the mountains are his also. The sea is his, for he made it, and the dry land, which his hands have formed. O come, let us worship and bow down, let us kneel before the LORD, our Maker! For he is our God, and we are the people of his pasture, and the sheep of his hand.

OPENING HYMN

Every Praise



HEZEKIAH
WALKER.
every praise

CALL TO CONFESSION

Let us confess our sin to
God and before one
another.

UNISON PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Adoration

Most gracious and holy God, thank you for loving and caring for us. You are better to us than we are to ourselves. Thank you for the earth and its fullness. Your creative power amazes and awes us. The human body is an engineering feat too great for mortal minds to comprehend its formation. You have created all things beautiful and diverse. Our hearts overflow with gratitude to you for your amazing grace.

Praise

Thank you for America and the freedoms it affords all citizens. Thank you for democracy and the acknowledgement that all people are created equal. Thank you for freedom of speech, freedom of the press, freedom of religion, and the right to express opposition to government officials and policies without fear of punishment. Thank you for people of goodwill. Thank you for hope. Thank you for Jesus, the Author and Finisher of our faith.

Petition

Your laws are easy- to love you with our entire being, and to love our fellow humans as ourselves- yet we find ourselves consistently falling short. We despise instead of loving. We identify flaws in others and gloss over the impact of our own shortcomings. We say “unity,” but often practice divisive tactics to gain or maintain power, or to disempower others. We call for justice for all but fail to practice fairness.

Forgive our sins, deliver us from evil, help us do better. In Jesus’ name we pray. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

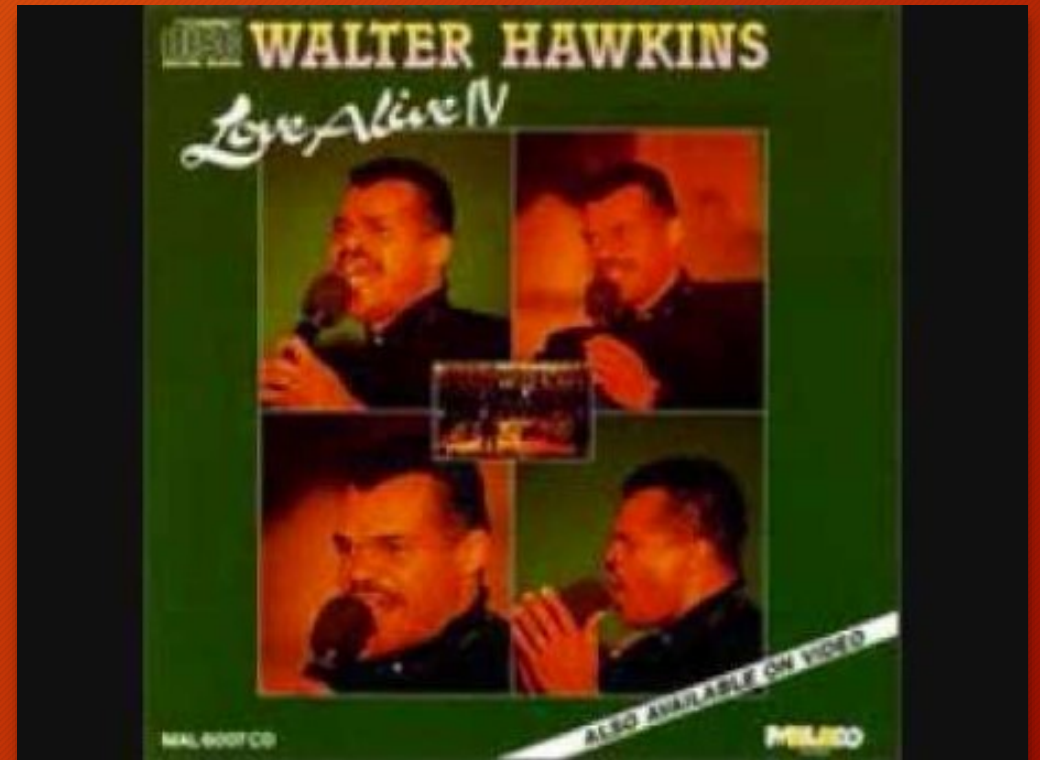
Sisters and brothers receive the good news! Scripture teaches God forgives us when we confess our sins and truly repent. Because of Christ, we are forgiven.

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH - THE APOSTLES' CREED (traditional)

- I believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth; and in Jesus Christ his only Son, our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; the third day he rose from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth at the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

HYMN OF PRAISE

Walter Hawkins - Thank You Lord (for all
you've done)



PASSING THE PEACE

The Peace of Christ be with you!

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

- Give us spiritual eyes so we can see through the lens of Scripture.
- Open our ears so we can hear your message to us.
- Touch our hearts so we can receive your message for us.
- Amen.



READING THE WORD Matthew 25:31-46

- 31 “When the Son of Man comes in his glory, and all the angels with him, then he will sit on the throne of his glory. 32 All the nations will be gathered before him, and he will separate people one from another as a shepherd separates the sheep from the goats, 33 and he will put the sheep at his right hand and the goats at the left. 34 Then the king will say to those at his right hand, ‘Come, you that are blessed by my Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world; 35 for I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you welcomed me, 36 I was naked and you gave me clothing, I was sick and you took care of me, I was in prison and you visited me.’ 37 Then the righteous will answer him, ‘Lord, when was it that we saw you hungry and gave you food, or thirsty and gave you something to drink? 38 And when was it that we saw you a stranger and welcomed you, or naked and gave you clothing? 39 And when was it that we saw you sick or in prison and visited you?’

Matthew 25:31-46 CONTINUED

40 And the king will answer them, 'Truly I tell you, just as you did it to one of the least of these who are members of my family,[a] you did it to me.' 41 Then he will say to those at his left hand, 'You that are accursed, depart from me into the eternal fire prepared for the devil and his angels; 42 for I was hungry and you gave me no food, I was thirsty and you gave me nothing to drink, 43 I was a stranger and you did not welcome me, naked and you did not give me clothing, sick and in prison and you did not visit me.' 44 Then they also will answer, 'Lord, when was it that we saw you hungry or thirsty or a stranger or naked or sick or in prison, and did not take care of you?' 45 Then he will answer them, 'Truly I tell you, just as you did not do it to one of the least of these, you did not do it to me.' 46 And these will go away into eternal punishment, but the righteous into eternal life."

THE SERMON

INVITATION TO DISCIPLESHIP

Make an effort to present yourself to God as a tried-and-true worker, who doesn't need to be ashamed but is one who interprets the message of truth correctly. 2 Timothy 2:15

Someone might claim, "You have faith and I have action." But how can I see your faith apart from your actions? Instead, I'll show you my faith by putting it into practice in faithful action. James 2:18

Go, therefore, and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe everything I have commanded you Matthew 28: 19-20a



PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Wholeness

sanctification

unemployed

Heal the nation

deliverance

spiritual renewal

guilt ridden

end the pandemic

hope

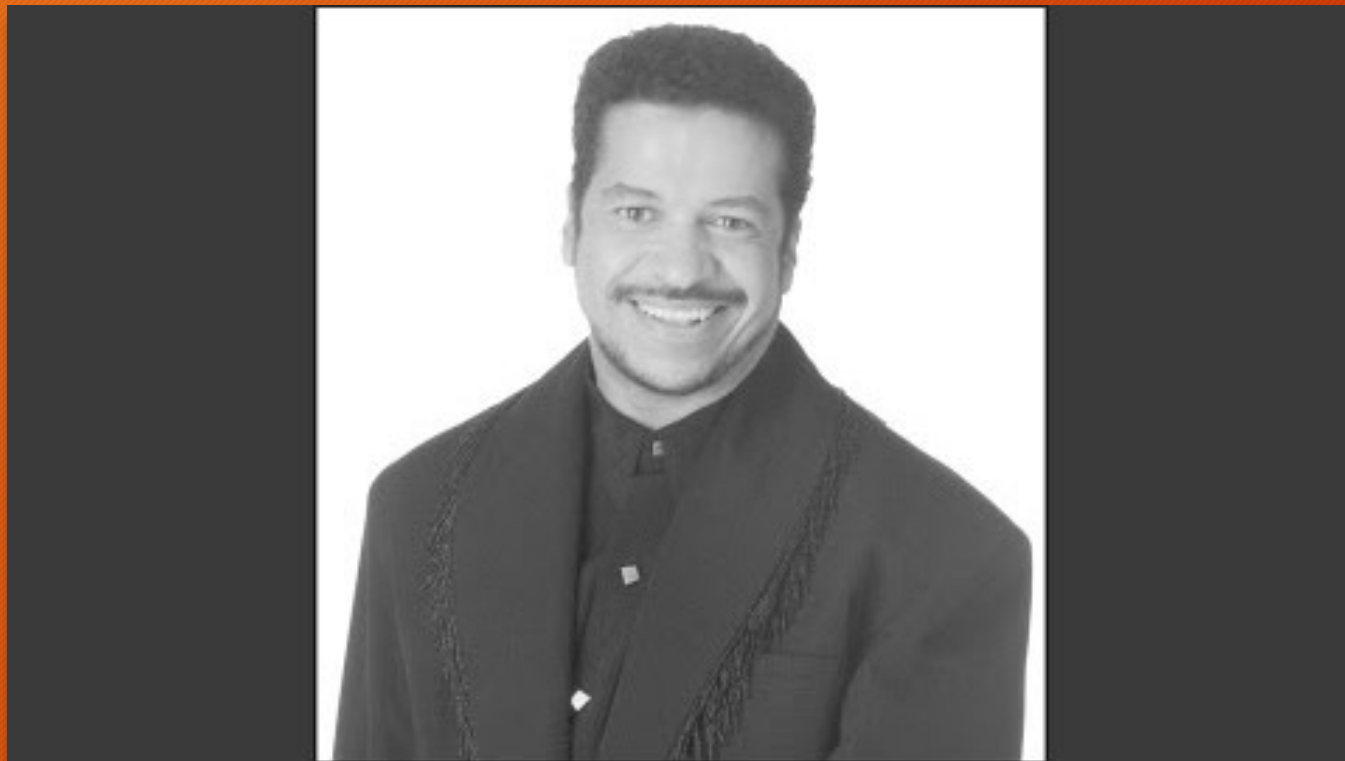
Families

homeless

victims of natural disasters

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 evil. For thine is the kingdom, the power, and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen.



CLOSING HYMN

The Center of My Joy

BENEDICTION

The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ and the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with us all.



POSTLUDE

Going up Yonder background track (smooth groove)