



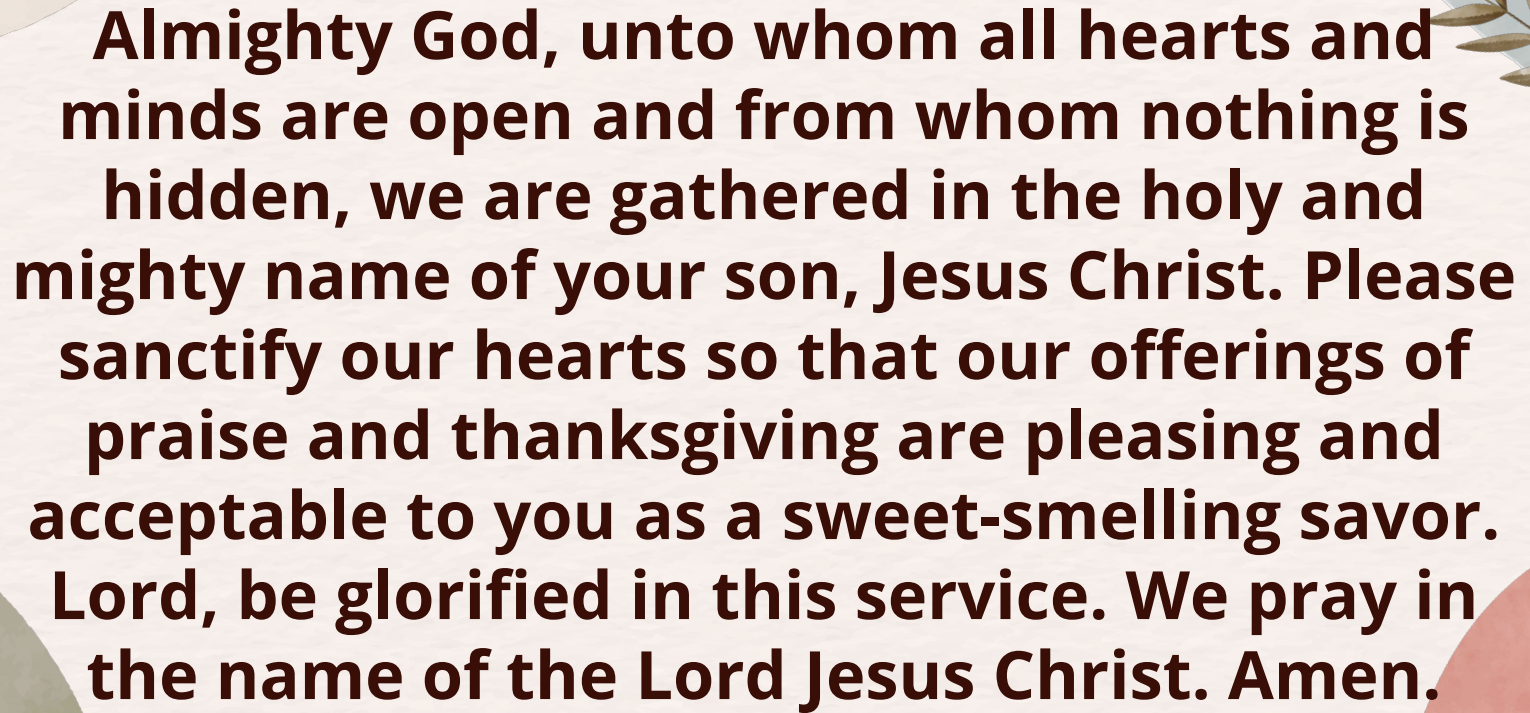
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WELCOME

Welcome to the United Presbyterian Church
Plainfield. Please join me in the opening
prayer.



Almighty God, unto whom all hearts and minds are open and from whom nothing is hidden, we are gathered in the holy and mighty name of your son, Jesus Christ. Please sanctify our hearts so that our offerings of praise and thanksgiving are pleasing and acceptable to you as a sweet-smelling savor. Lord, be glorified in this service. We pray in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ. Amen.

—UNISON OPENING PRAYER

ANNOUNCEMENTS

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Midweek service

Thursday evening at
7:30 p.m. via
YouTube.



RESPONSIVE CALL TO WORSHIP

Give thanks to God for the faith we share.
Be steadfast in hope through Jesus Christ.

01 OPENING HYMN

(GTG) # 824 Near to the Heart of God



UNISON READING

Psalm 99: 1-5

The Lord is king! Let the nations tremble! He sits on his throne between the cherubim. Let the whole earth shake! The Lord sits in majesty exalted above all the nations. Let the people praise your great and awesome name. Your name is holy! Mighty King, lover of justice, you have established fairness. You have acted with justice and righteousness. Exalt the Lord our God! Bow low before his feet, for he is holy!

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH The Apostles' Creed

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 catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and life everlasting. Amen.

UNISON READING

Psalm 96: 1-10

Sing a new song to the Lord! Let the whole earth sing to the Lord! Sing to the Lord; praise his name. Each day, proclaim the good news that he saves. Publish his glorious deeds among the nations. Tell everyone about the amazing things he does. Great is the Lord! He is most worthy of praise! He is to be feared above all gods. The gods of other nations are mere idols, but the Lord made the heavens! Honor and majesty surround him; strength and beauty fill his sanctuary. O nations of the world, recognize the Lord; recognize that the Lord is glorious and strong. Give to the Lord the glory he deserves! Bring your offering and come into his courts. Worship the Lord in all his holy splendor. Let all the earth tremble before him. Tell all the nations, "The Lord reigns!" The world stands firm and cannot be shaken. He will judge all people fairly.

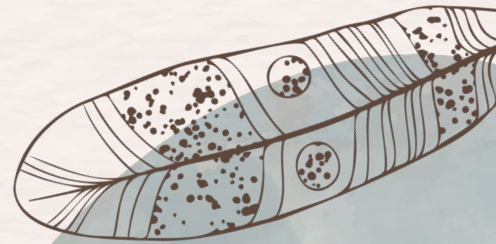


PRAYER OF CONFESSION

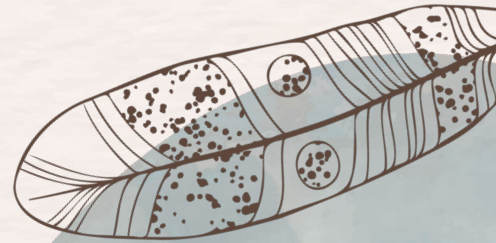
**(Presbyterian Church, Book of Common
Worship, Daily Prayer.)**

Holy and merciful God, I confess my sinfulness, shortcomings, and offenses against you. You alone know how often I have sinned in wandering from your ways, wasting your gifts, and forgetting your love. Savior. Have mercy on me, O Lord. By your loving mercy, help me to live in your light and abide in your ways for the sake of Jesus Christ, my Savior.

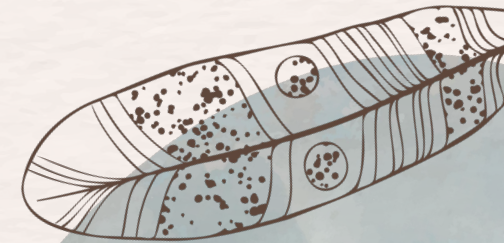
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PASSING THE PEACE



PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

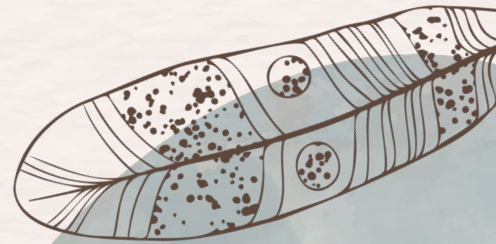


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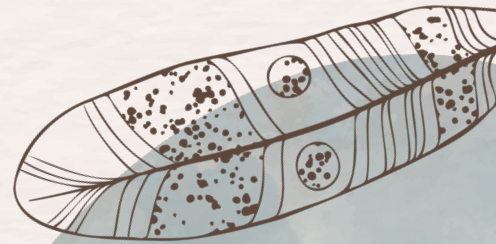
Matthew 22: 15-22

The Pharisees conspired together, plotting to trap Him by distorting what He said. 16 They sent their disciples to Him, along with the Herodians, saying, "Teacher, we know that You are sincere and that You teach the way of God truthfully, without concerning Yourself about what anyone thinks or says of Your teachings; for You are impartial and do not seek anyone's favor and You treat all people alike, regardless of status. 17 Tell us then, what do You think? Is it permissible according to [Jewish law and tradition] to pay a poll tax to Caesar, or not?" 18 But Jesus, aware of their malice, asked, "Why are you testing Me, you hypocrites? 19 Show me the coin used for the poll tax." And they brought Him a denarius [a day's wage]. 20 And Jesus said to them, "Whose likeness and inscription is this?" 21 They said, "The Emperor Tiberius Caesar's." Then He said to them, "Then pay to Caesar the things that are Caesar's; and to God the things that are God's." 22 When they heard this, they were caught off guard, and they left Him and went away.

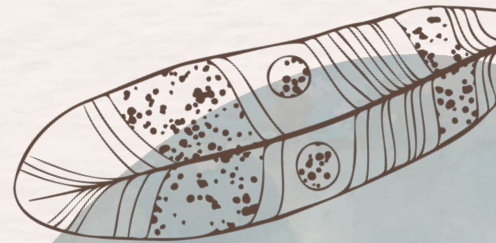
Separate the Sacred from the Secular

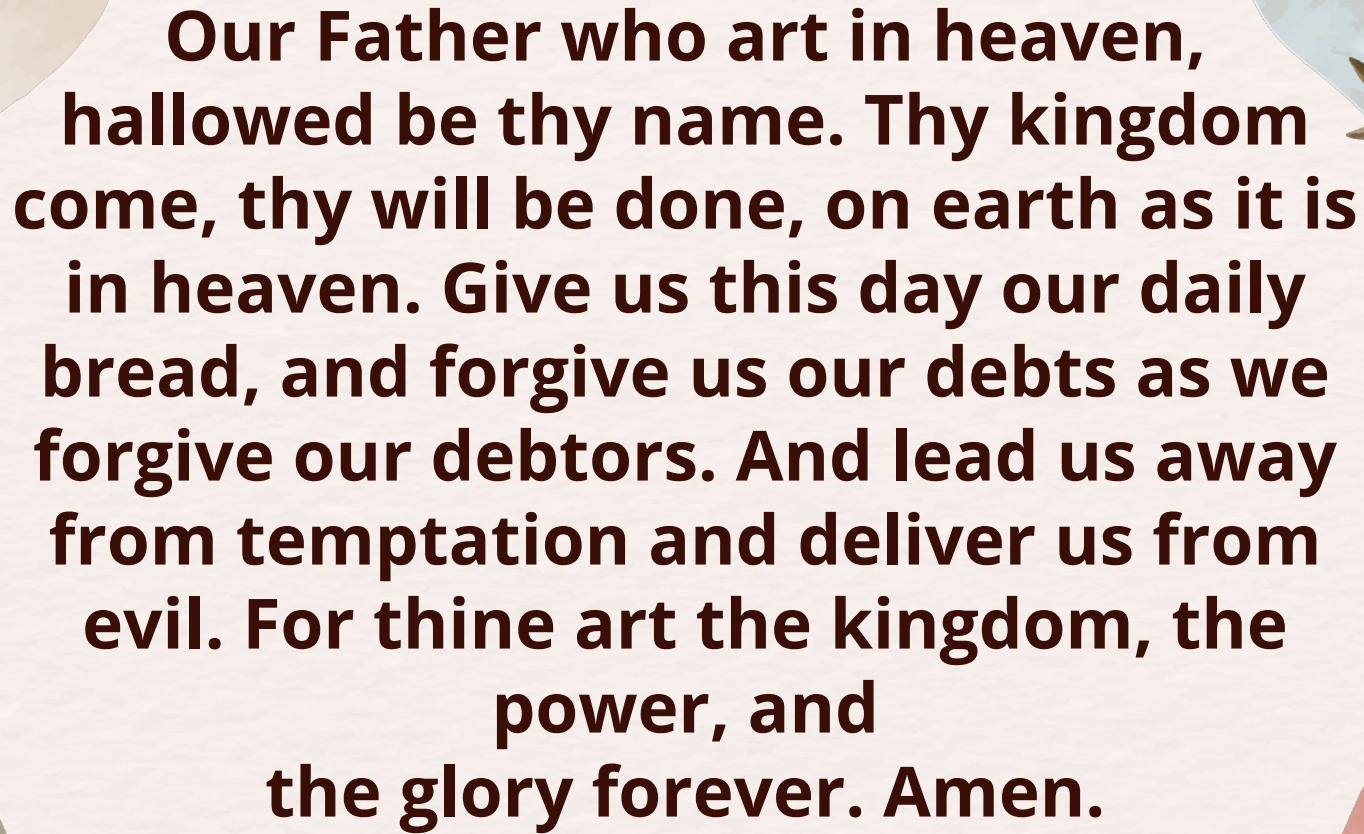


CALL TO DISCIPLESHIP



PASTORAL PRAYER

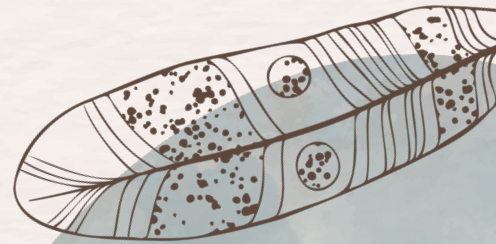




**Our Father who art in heaven,
hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom
come, thy will be done, on earth as it is
in heaven. Give us this day our daily
bread, and forgive us our debts as we
forgive our debtors. And lead us away
from temptation and deliver us from
evil. For thine art the kingdom, the
power, and
the glory forever. Amen.**

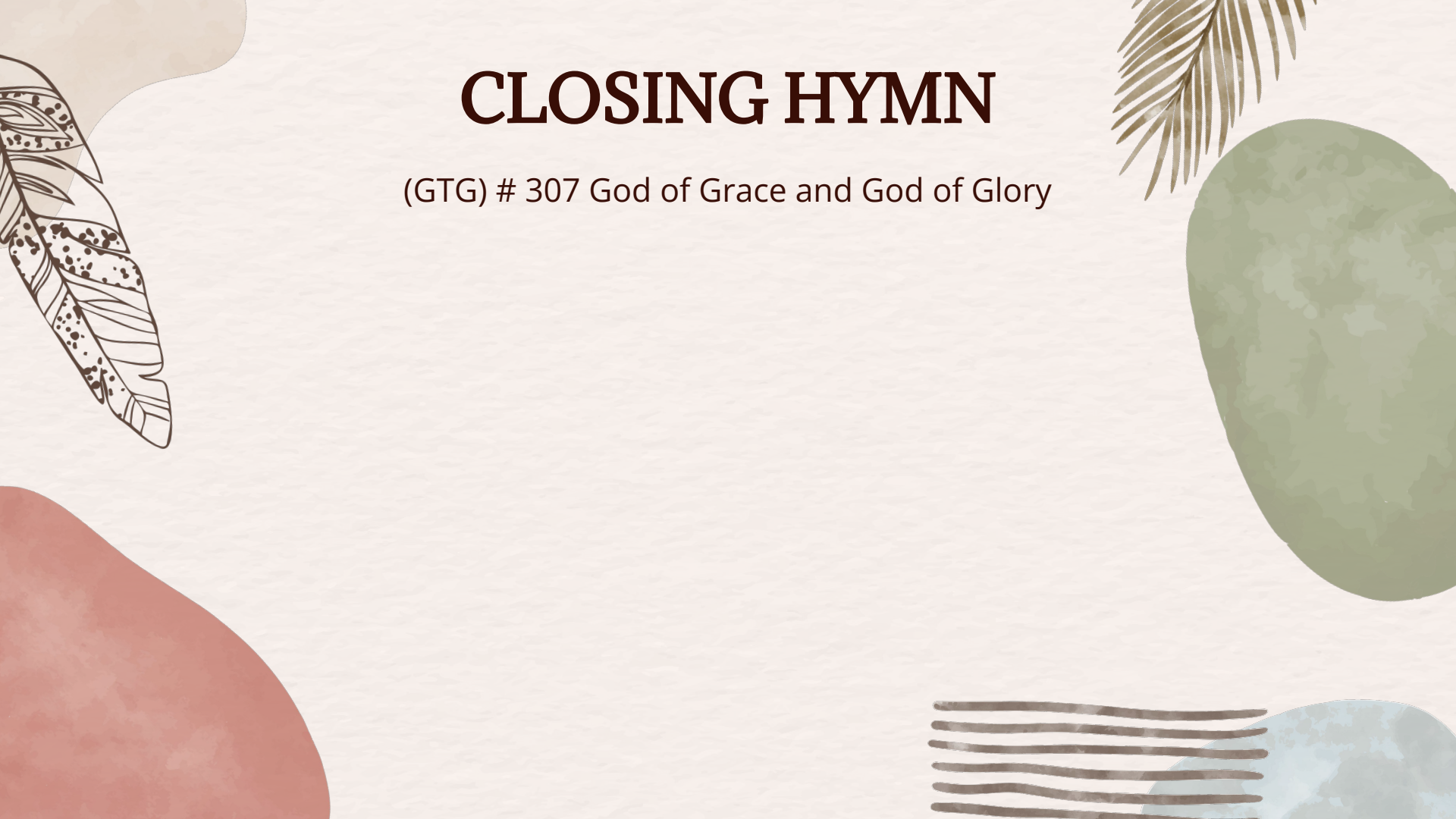
—THE LORD'S PRAYER

WORSHIP THROUGH GIVING



CLOSING HYMN

(GTG) # 307 God of Grace and God of Glory





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