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PRELUDE

Visions, Steven Scott



WELCOME





Under the shadow of your wings in this hour may we find rest and strength, renewal and hope. In Jesus' name, we pray. Amen

UNISON OPENING PRAYER





Announcements

02 Morning Devotions

Mon-Sat, 6:00 am – 6:15 am, -
15-minute devotions resume, via
ZOOM.

16 Luncheon

Thursday, October 20, 11:00 am – 1:00 pm.

05 Midweek Service

Thursdays, 7:00 pm, via YouTube.

12 Crop Hunger Walk

Crop Hunger Walk is taking place today.
Details about the event are located on a
table in the rear of the sanctuary.





RESPONSIVE CALL TO WORSHIP



Lord, I am entering your gates with thanksgiving in my heart,
and your courts with praise.

Your word is a lamp unto my feet,
and a light unto my path.

Oh, how I love your word! It is my meditation all day long.

Your word makes me wiser than my enemies, for it is always with me.

I have more understanding than all my teachers, for your decrees are my meditation

I understand more than the aged, for I keep your precepts.



I hold back my feet from every evil way, in order to keep your word.

I do not turn away from your ordinances, for you have taught me.

How sweet are your words to my taste, sweeter than honey to my mouth!

Through your precepts I get understanding.

Speak, Lord!





OPENING
HYMN
GTG # 366



FIRST RESPONSIVE READING



The days are surely coming, says the LORD, when I will sow the house of Israel and the house of Judah with the seed of humans and the seed of animals.

And just as I have watched over them to pluck up and break down, to overthrow, destroy, and bring evil, so I will watch over them to build and to plant, says the LORD.

In those days they shall no longer say: "The parents have eaten sour grapes, and the children's teeth are set on edge."



But all shall die for their own sins; the teeth of everyone who eats sour grapes shall be set on edge.

The days are surely coming, says the LORD, when I will make a new covenant with the house of Israel and the house of Judah.

It will not be like the covenant that I made with their ancestors when I took them by the hand to bring them out of the land of Egypt--a covenant that they broke, though I was their husband, says the LORD.

But this is the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel after those days, says the LORD: I will put my law within them, and I will write it on their hearts, and I will be their God, and they shall be my people.



No longer shall they teach one another, or say to each other, "Know the LORD," for they shall all know me, from the least of them to the greatest, says the LORD; for I will forgive their iniquity, and remember their sin no more.





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





SECOND RESPONSIVE READING

I lift up my eyes to the hills-- from where will my help come?

My help comes from the LORD, who made heaven and earth.

He will not let your foot be moved; he who keeps you will not slumber.



He who keeps Israel will neither slumber nor sleep.

The LORD is your keeper; the LORD is your shade at your right hand.

The sun shall not strike you by day, nor the moon by night.

The LORD will keep you from all evil; he will keep your life.

The LORD will keep your going out and your coming in from this time on and forevermore.





The proof of God's amazing love is this: While we were sinners Christ died for us. Because we have faith in Him, we dare approach God with confidence.

CALL TO CONFESSION





Holy and merciful God, in your presence we confess our failures to be what you created us to be. You alone know how often we have sinned in wandering from your ways, in wasting your gifts, in forgetting your love. By your loving mercy, help us live in your light and abide in your ways, for the sake of Jesus Christ our Savior. We pray. Amen

UNISON PRAYER OF CONFESSION





The mercy of the Lord is from everlasting to everlasting. I declare to you in the name of Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.

Thanks be to God.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON





PASSING
THE
PEACE



PRAYER FOR
ILLUMINATION






A READING FROM LUKE 18: 1-8

Then Jesus told them a parable about their need to pray always and not to lose heart.

He said, "In a certain city there was a judge who neither feared God nor had respect for people. In that city, there was a widow who kept coming to him and saying, 'Grant me justice against my opponent.'

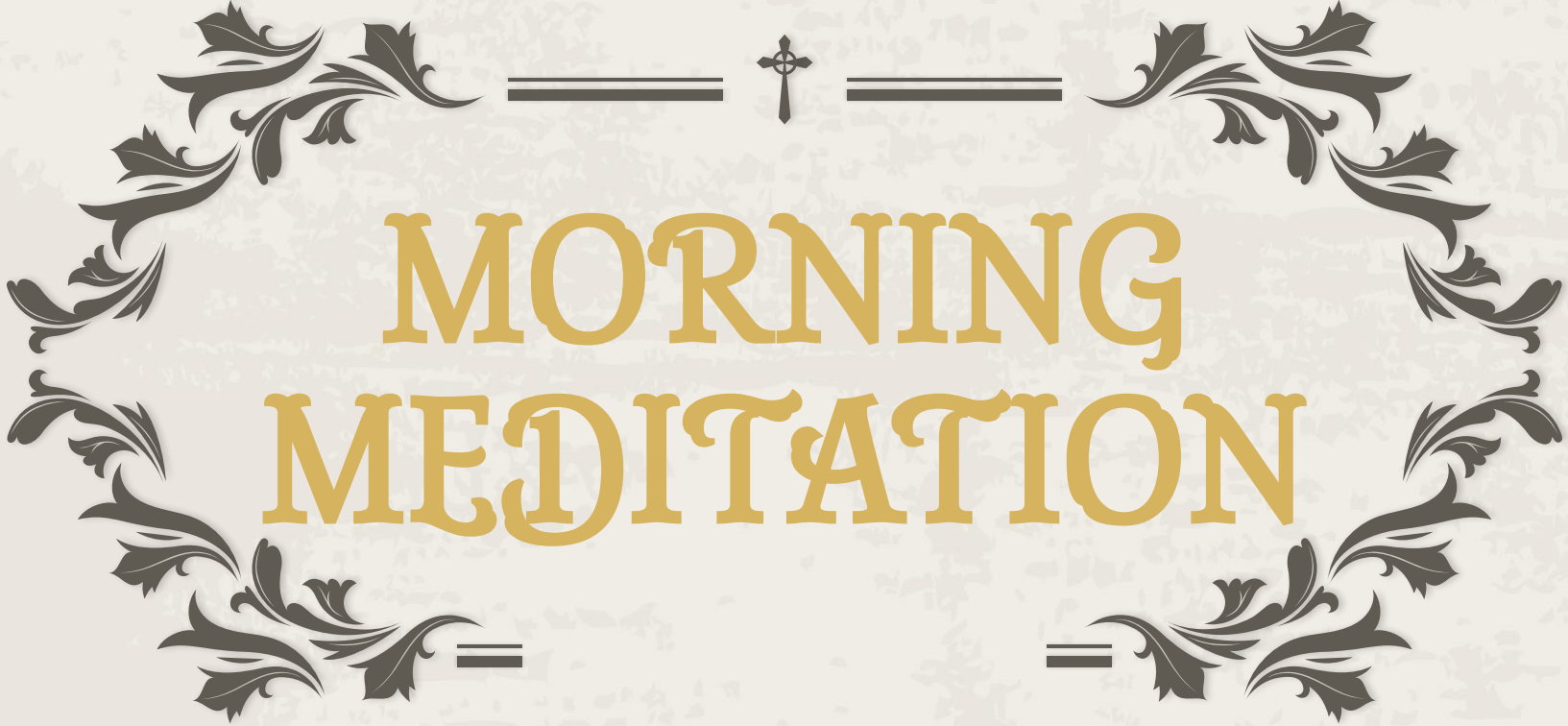
For a while he refused; but later he said to himself, 'Though I have no fear of God and no respect for anyone, yet because this widow keeps bothering me, I will grant her justice, so that she may not wear me out by continually coming.'" And the Lord said, "Listen to what the unjust judge says.

And will not God grant justice to his chosen ones who cry to him day and night? Will he delay long in helping them? I tell you, he will quickly grant justice to them. And yet, when the Son of Man comes, will he find faith on earth?"





MORNING MEDITATION





SILENT MEDITATION





CALL TO
DISCIPLESHIP

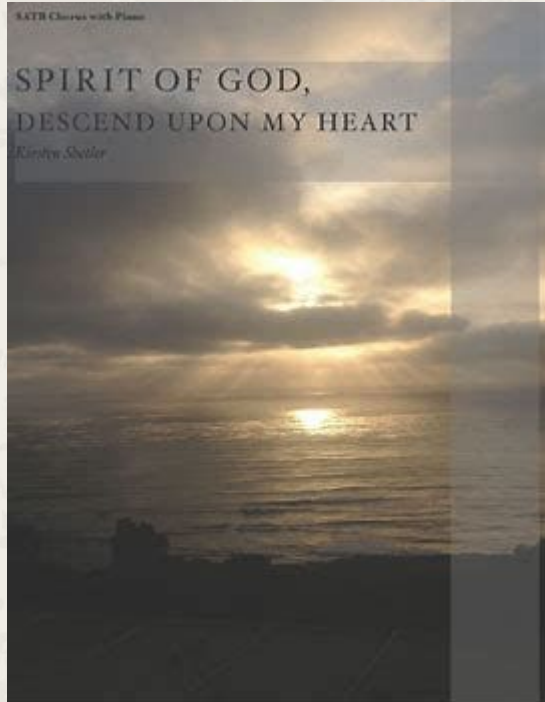


PRAYERS OF
THE PEOPLE



Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name. Your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread, and forgive us our debts, as we also have forgiven our debtors. Lead us away from temptation and deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory forever. Amen.

THE LORD'S PRAYER



CLOSING HYMN

GTG # 688 -
Spirit of God
Descend Upon My
Heart



May God grant us the grace to keep faith in Him and not be overwhelmed by the toils of life. In Jesus' mighty name, we pray. Amen.

BENEDICTION





CONG.
RESPONSE
GTG # 599



O Worship the King
All Glorious Above

HYMNS FOR *Classic* WORSHIP

POSTLUDE