



**United Presbyterian Church
Plainfield**

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PRELUDE



Sweet Hour of Prayer (and thanks to you all!) - piano instrumental hymn
with lyrics



WELCOME



Almighty God, unto whom all hearts and minds are open and from whom nothing is hidden, we are gathered to worship you in spirit and truth and to offer you praise and thanksgiving. Be glorified in this service. In Jesus' mighty and holy name, we pray.
Amen.



OPENING PRAYER





Announcements



- 1. Thursday evenings at 7:30, please join the UPC family via YouTube for our contemporary service.**
 - 2. Monday – Friday, noonday prayer via ZOOM**
 - 3. On September 23, 2023, all members of UPC are encouraged to attend a meeting called by the Administration Committee to receive information about the financial health of the congregation and to establish a subsequent date for a meeting.**
 - 4. October 7, 9:00 a.m., join the UPC family for our annual Health Fair and Bazaar. For details, please contact Elder Avril Lecky.**
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RESPONSIVE CALL TO WORSHIP



(Today's call to worship is borrowed from a United Methodist Liturgy.)

Come! Share the joy of the Lord!

Delight in God's goodness!

Praise God, who gives each person a special gift to be nurtured and shared.

Lord, we thank you for these gifts!

Come, let us worship God, who entrusts us with so much.

Lord, make us worthy of your love and trust in us. Amen!





OPENING HYMN



**Take It to the Lord in Prayer | Aeolians of
Oakwood University**





UNISON READING—Psalm 103: 1-7



Bless the Lord, O my soul, and all that is within me. Bless his holy name. Bless the Lord, O my soul, and do not forget all his benefits-- who forgives all your iniquity, who heals all your diseases, who redeems your life from the Pit, who crowns you with steadfast love and mercy, who satisfies you with good as long as you live so that your youth is renewed like the eagle's. The Lord works vindication and justice for all who are oppressed. He made known his ways to Moses, his acts on behalf of his people.





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 103: 8-13



The Lord is merciful and gracious, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love. He will not always accuse, nor will he keep his anger forever. He does not deal with us according to our sins nor repay us according to our iniquities. As the heavens are high above the earth, so great is his steadfast love toward those who fear him; as far as the east is from the west, so far he removes our transgressions from us. As a father has compassion for his children, so the Lord has compassion for those who fear him.





Let us pray.

CALL TO PRAYER





Merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and by what we have done and left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart, mind, and strength; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. In your mercy, forgive what we have been, help us amend what we are, and direct what we shall be so that we may delight in your will and walk to the glory of your holy name. So, with the psalmist, we ask you to please create in each of us a clean heart and renew within us the right spirit. Help us, Lord, in Jesus' mighty name, we pray.

UNISON PRAYER OF CONFESSION





The Bible assures us that God forgives us when we confess our sins and earnestly repent. Praise God for grace, mercy, forgiveness, and restoration to wholeness.

THE ASSURANCE OF PARDON





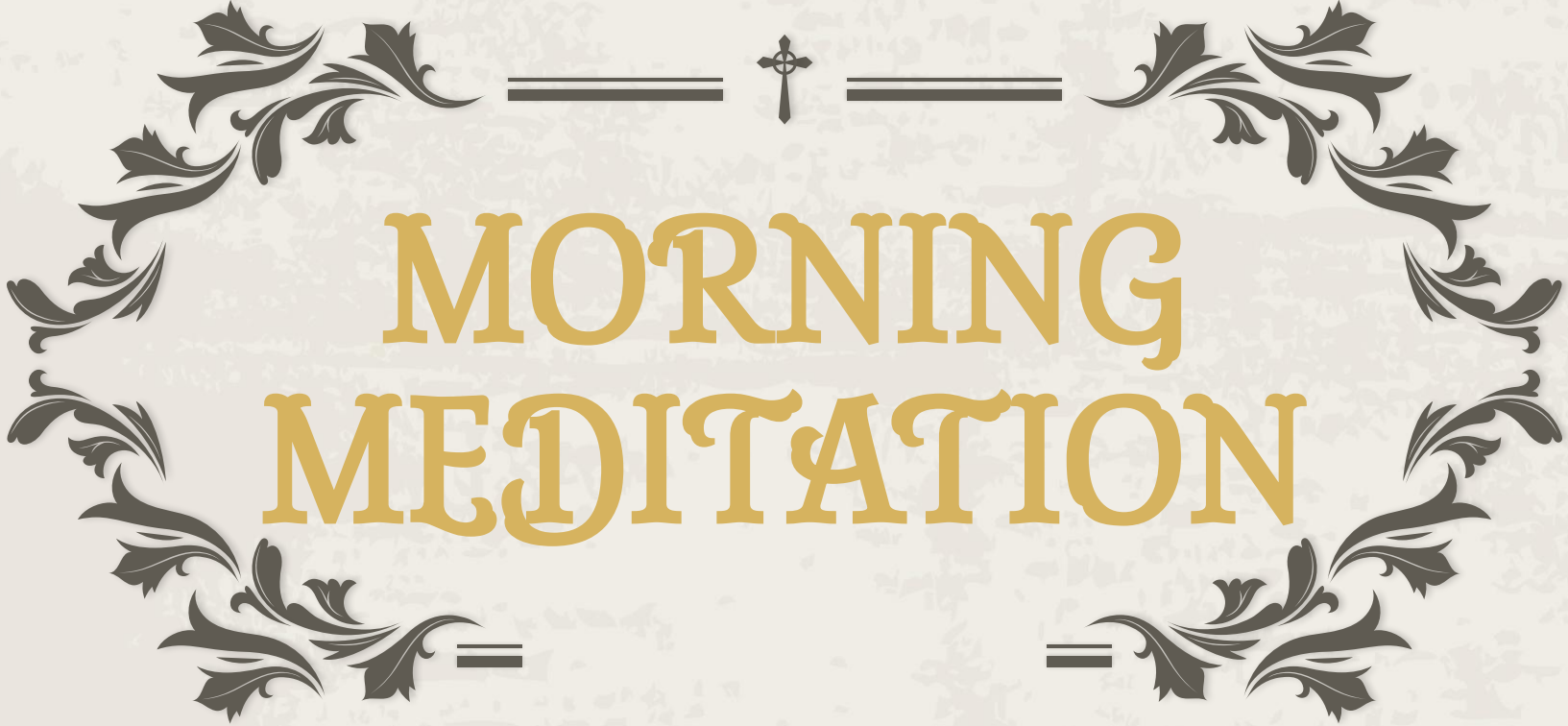
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THE
PEACE



PRAYER FOR
ILLUMINATION



MORNING MEDITATION





SILENT MEDITATION





PRAYER





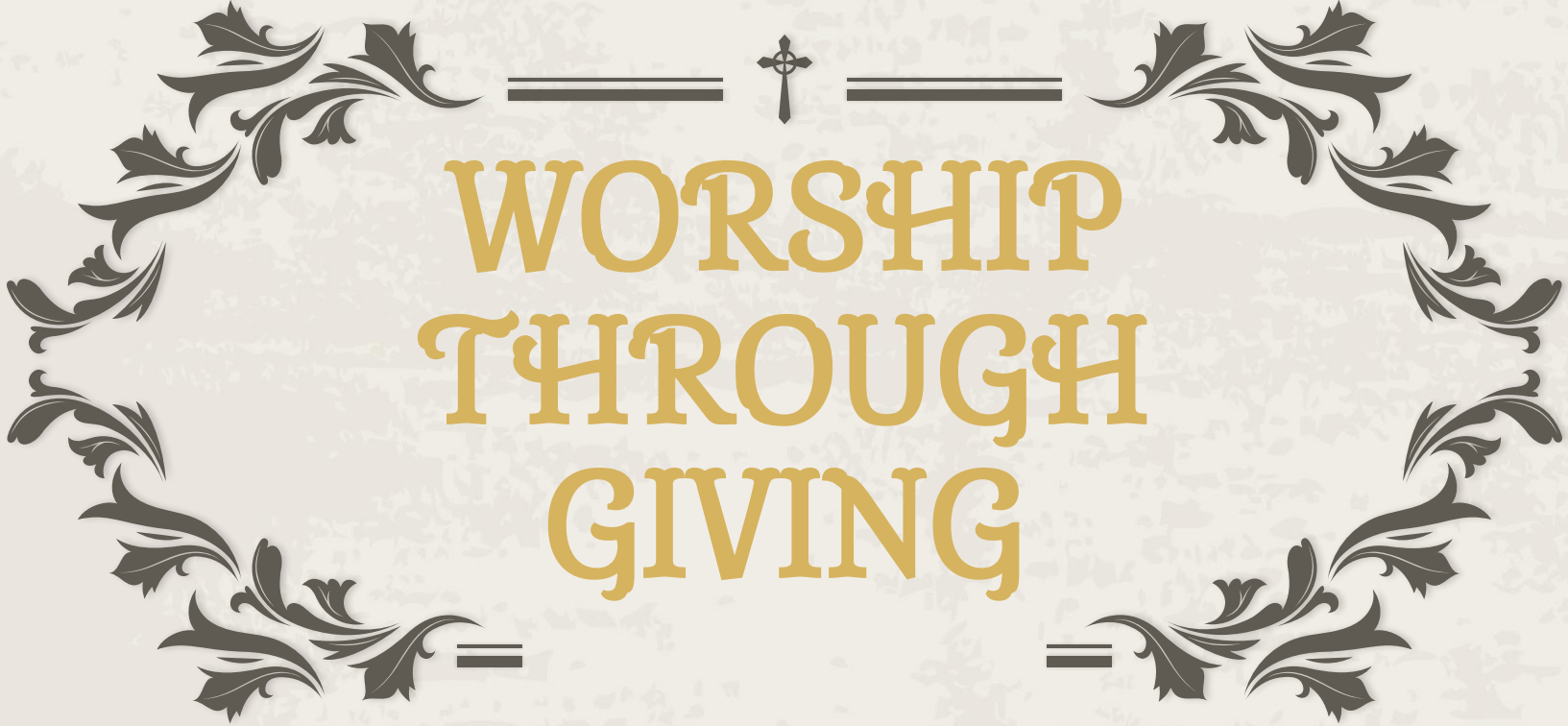
Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name. Your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread, and forgive us our debts, as we also have forgiven our debtors. Lead us away from temptation and deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power,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

THE LORD'S PRAYER





WORSHIP
THROUGH
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WAYS TO GIVE

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them to:
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CLOSING HYMN



Give Me Jesus // Her Heart Sings



BENEDICTION





CONG. RESPONSE

Amen

POSTLUDE

Amazing grace! How sweet the sound
That saved a wretch like me!
I once was lost, but now am found;
Was blind, but now I see

www.fruitionmusic.net

Amazing Grace (Hymn) [D] [Instrumental w/ Lyrics]