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WELCOME



**Almighty God, unto whom all hearts and minds are open and from whom nothing is hidden, we are gathered to worship you and learn better how to serve you. Lord, at times your power and might awe and frighten us. When we comprehend the image of you revealed in the Book of Revelations, like the Apostle John, we are terrified, and our hearts bow to you. We are grateful that just as You comforted John, Your Spirit reassures and comforts us. Lord, we offer you praise and thanksgiving. Speak to us. In Jesus' mighty name, we pray.**

## **OPENING PRAYER**





# Announcements

## 02 Morning Devotions

Daily, 6:00 am – 6:15 am, -  
15-minute devotions, via  
ZOOM.

## 16 Luncheon

Thursday, September 15, 11:00 am – 1:00  
pm, plan on attending the first monthly  
UPC pastors luncheon.

## 05 Midweek Service

Thursdays, 7:00 pm, via YouTube.

## 12 Helping Homeless Families (HHF)

**Mondays & Tuesdays**, drop off new  
washcloths and bath towels at the church.





# UNISON CALL TO WORSHIP

Make a joyful noise to the LORD, all the earth.




**Serve the LORD with gladness; come into His presence with joyful songs.**

Know that the LORD is God. It is He who made us, and we are His;

**we are His people and the sheep of His pasture.**

Enter His gates with thanksgiving and His courts with praise; give thanks to Him  
and bless His name.

**For the LORD is good, and His loving devotion endures forever; His  
faithfulness continues to all generations.**





# OPENING HYMN (GTG) # 35

Praise Ye the Lord, the Almighty



# FIRST RESPONSIVE READING FROM HEBREWS 13

Continue in brotherly love. Do not neglect to show hospitality to strangers, for by so doing some people have entertained angels without knowing it.




**Remember those in prison as if you were bound with them, and those who are mistreated as if you were suffering with them.**

Keep your lives free from the love of money and be content with what you have, for God has said:  
“Never will I leave you, never will I forsake you.”

**So we say with confidence: “The Lord is my helper; I will not be afraid. What can man do to me?”**

Remember your leaders who spoke the word of God to you. Consider the outcome of their way of life and imitate their faith.




**Jesus Christ is the same yesterday and today and forever. Do not be carried away by all kinds of strange teachings, for it is good for the heart to be strengthened by grace and not by foods of no value to those devoted to them.**





# 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.**







# RESPONSIVE READING LUKE 14: 7-11

When Jesus noticed how the guests chose the places of honor, He told them a parable:



**“When you are invited to a wedding banquet, do not sit in the place of honor, in case someone more distinguished than you has been invited.**

Then the host who invited both of you will come and tell you, ‘Give this man your seat.’ And in humiliation, you will have to take the last place.

**But when you are invited, go and sit in the last place, so that your host will come and tell you, ‘Friend, move up to a better place.**

Then you will be honored in front of everyone at the table with you.

**For everyone who exalts himself will be humbled, and the one who humbles himself will be exalted.”**





Please join me in the prayer of confession based on Psalm 51.

## CALL TO CONFESSION





**Have mercy on me, O God, according to Your loving devotion; according to Your great compassion, blot out my transgressions. Wash me clean of my iniquity and cleanse me from my sin. For I know my transgressions, and my sin is always before me. Surely You desire truth in the inmost being; You teach me wisdom in the inmost place. Purify me with hyssop, and I will be clean; wash me, and I will be whiter than snow. Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me. In Jesus' mighty name, I pray. Amen.**

## **UNISON PRAYER OF CONFESSION**





The God of all grace, who calls us to eternal glory in Jesus Christ, will restore, support, and strengthen us. In the name of Jesus Christ, we are forgiven! Thanks be to God.

**ASSURANCE OF PARDON**





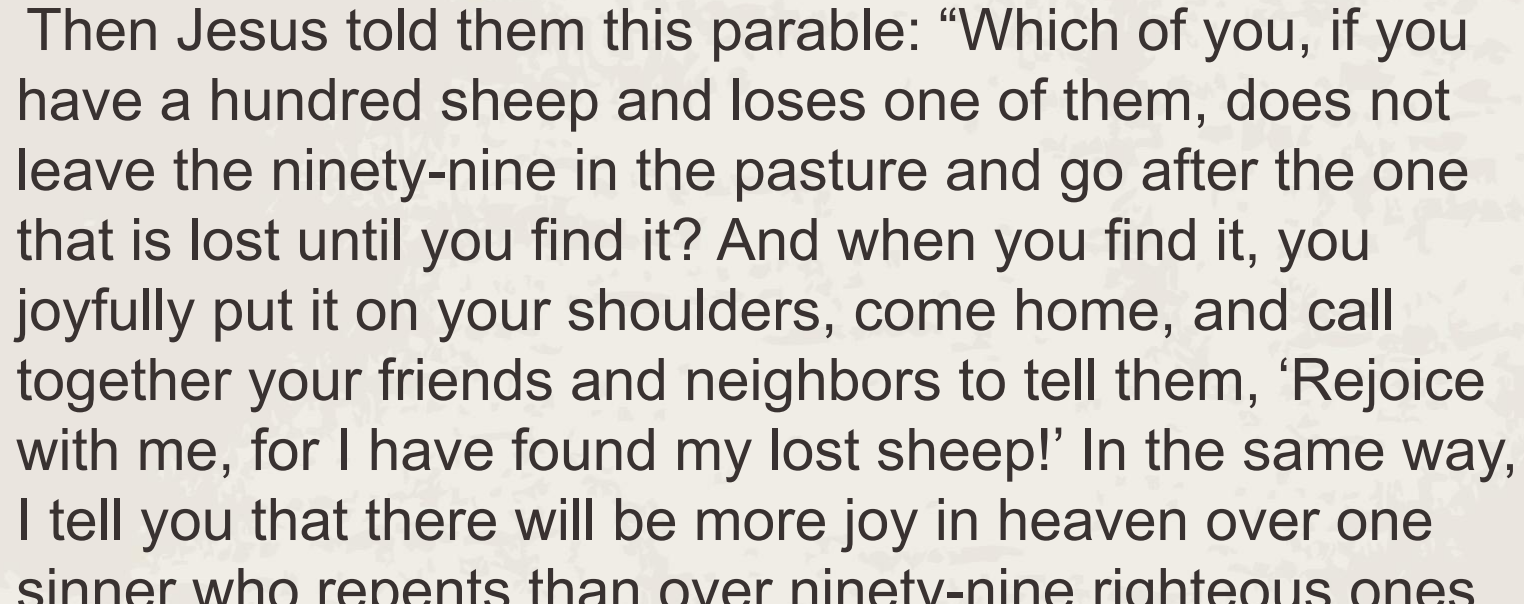
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PRAYER FOR  
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## A READING FROM LUKE 15: 3-7

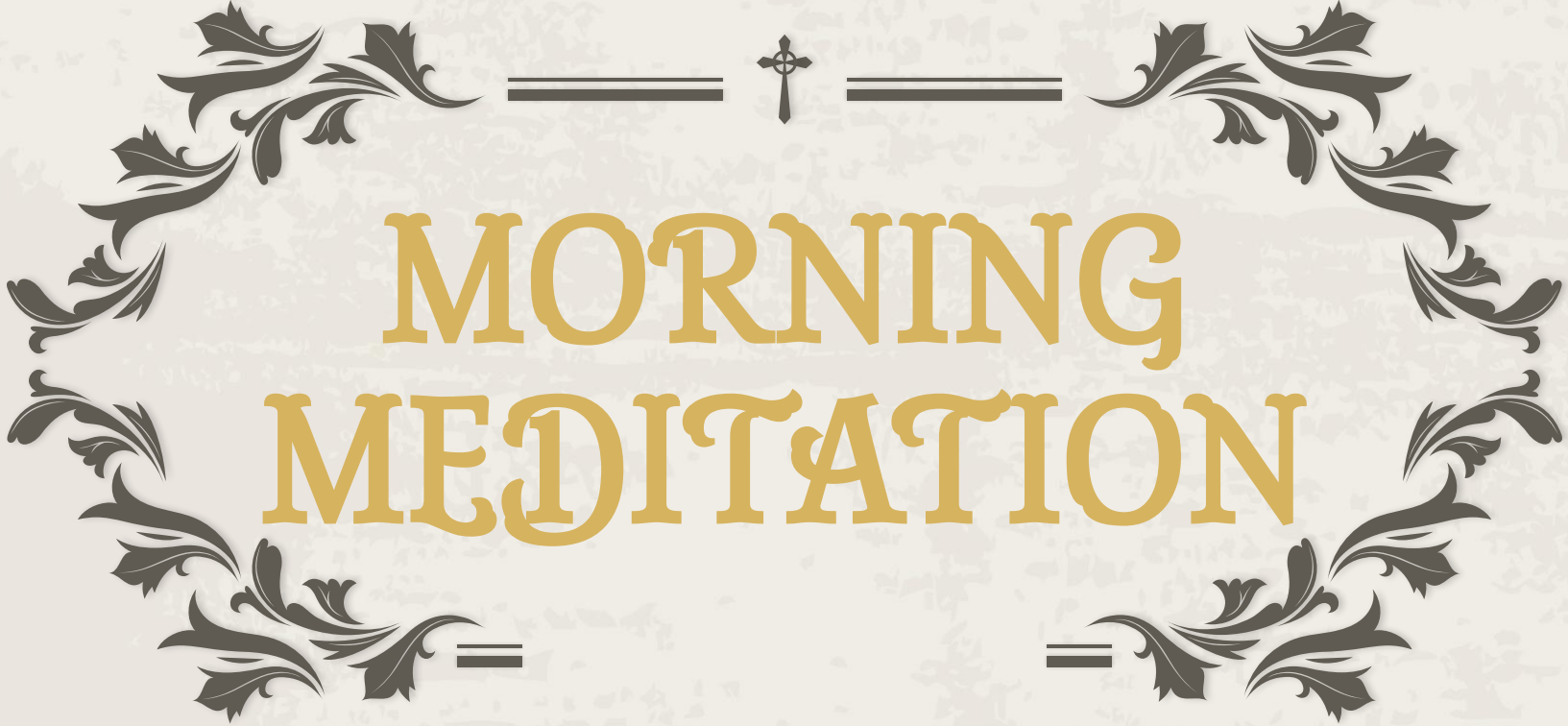


Then Jesus told them this parable: “Which of you, if you have a hundred sheep and loses one of them, does not leave the ninety-nine in the pasture and go after the one that is lost until you find it? And when you find it, you joyfully put it on your shoulders, come home, and call together your friends and neighbors to tell them, ‘Rejoice with me, for I have found my lost sheep!’ In the same way, I tell you that there will be more joy in heaven over one sinner who repents than over ninety-nine righteous ones who do not need to repent.”





# MORNING 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) # 12



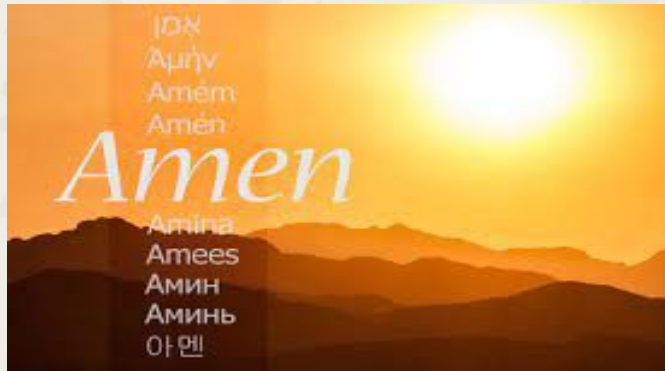
Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise



May God be gracious to us and make his face shine upon us,  
that his ways may be known on the earth, his saving power  
among all the nations.

**BENEDICTION**





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