





Almighty God, unto whom all hearts and minds are open, and from whom nothing is hidden, we come humbly before your throne of grace. In your mercy, hear our prayers and grant us the grace to worship you in spirit and truth. We are your people and the sheep of your pasture. We acknowledge you as Creator, Redeemer, and Sustainer. Be glorified in every aspect of this service. In Jesus' mighty name, we pray. Amen.

UNISON OPENING PRAYER





#### Announcements

#### **O2** Morning Devotions

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

#### 16 Luncheon

**Thursda**y, October 20, 11:00 am - 1:00 pm.

#### **95** Midweek Service

Thursdays, 7:00 pm, via YouTube.

#### 12 Crop Hunger Walk

Sunday, October 16. Details are available on the table in the rear of the sanctuary.







#### RESPONSIVE CALL TO WORSHIP

Let us make a joyful noise to the LORD.

Let us serve and worship the LORD with gladness and come into His presence with joyful songs.

Acknowledge that the LORD is God. It is He who made us, and we are His people and the sheep of His pasture.

Let us enter His gates with thanksgiving and His courts with praise; giving thanks to Him and blessing His name.

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



Let everything that has breath praise the Lord!







#### FIRST RESPONSIVE READING PSALM 37:1-8



Do not fret because of the wicked; do not be envious of wrongdoers,

for they will soon fade like the grass and wither like the green herb.

Trust in the LORD, and do good; so you will live in the land, and enjoy security.

Take delight in the LORD, and he will give you the desires of your heart.

Commit your way to the LORD; trust in him, and he will act.

He will make your vindication shine like the light, and the justice of your cause like the noonday.

Be still before the LORD and wait patiently for him; do not fret over those who prosper in their way, over those who carry out evil devices.



Refrain from anger and forsake wrath. Do not fret--it leads only to evil. For the wicked shall be cut off, but those who wait for the LORD shall inherit the land.







# 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.







The oracle that the prophet Habakkuk saw. O LORD, how long shall I cry for help, and you will not listen?

Or cry to you "Violence!" and you will not save?

Why do you make me see wrongdoing and look at trouble? Destruction and violence are before me; strife and contention arise.

So, the law becomes slack, and justice never prevails. The wicked surround the righteous-- therefore, judgment comes forth perverted.

I will stand at my watch post and station myself on the rampart; I will keep watch to see what he will say to me and what he will answer concerning my complaint.

Then the LORD answered me and said: Write the vision; make it plain on tablets, so that a runner may read it.



For there is still a vision for the appointed time; it speaks of the end and does not lie. If it seems to tarry, wait for it; it will surely come; it will not delay.









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. Lead us away from temptation and deliver us from evil. For thine are the kingdom, the power, and the glory forever. Amen.

UNISON PRAYER OF CONFESSION





Receive the good news. According to Scripture, when we confess our sins and earnestly repent, God hears and forgives us. Praise God for grace and mercy.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON







Paul, an apostle of Christ Jesus by the will of God, according to the promise of life in Christ Jesus, to Timothy, my beloved child: Grace, mercy, and peace from God the Father and Christ Jesus our Lord. I thank God, whom I serve with a clear conscience, as I constantly remember you night and day in my prayers. Recalling your tears, I long to see you so that I may be filled with joy. I am reminded of your sincere faith, which first dwelt in your grandmother Lois and your mother Eunice, and I am convinced is in you as well. For this reason, I remind you to fan into flame the gift of God, which is in you. For God has not given us a spirit of fear, but of power, love, and self-control. So do not be ashamed of the testimony of our Lord, or of me, His prisoner. Instead, join me in suffering for the gospel by the power of God. He has saved us and called us to a holy calling, not because of our works, but by His own purpose and by the grace He granted us in Christ Jesus before time began. And now He has revealed this grace through the appearing of our Savior, Christ Jesus, who has abolished death and illuminated the way to life and immortality through the gospel. For this reason, even though I suffer as I do, I am not ashamed; for I know whom I have believed, and I am convinced that He is able to guard what I have entrusted to Him for that day. Hold on to the pattern of sound teaching you have heard from me, with the faith and love that are in Christ Jesus. Guard the treasure entrusted to you, with the help of the Holy Spirit who dwells in us.













### COMMUNION HYMN

Let Us Break Bread Together









### INVITATION TO THE LORD'S TABLE



All glory and honor are yours, O God, for you bring life from death, joy from suffering, and dancing from mourning. We give thanks that abundant life is made known to us and present within us in your son Jesus, who has come to live and die as one of us, to reconcile all creation to life, and life everlasting. By him and with him and in him, the web of your love is made whole, and we with it

Jesus gathered his disciples and said, "Remember me." And so we do. We remember that he gathered not only his friends but even his betrayer around a common table, sharing the gifts of wheat and vine, the first fruits from the earth. We remember that he offered himself to us, that we may follow him even beyond death into your eternal love.

Gather us now at your table, O God, that we may be sustained in our journey of faith. May these gifts of the earth be for us the gift of your goodness made present, made known. And grant that we who eat this feast may be filled with your life and goodness.









### PARTAKING OF THE ELEMENTS



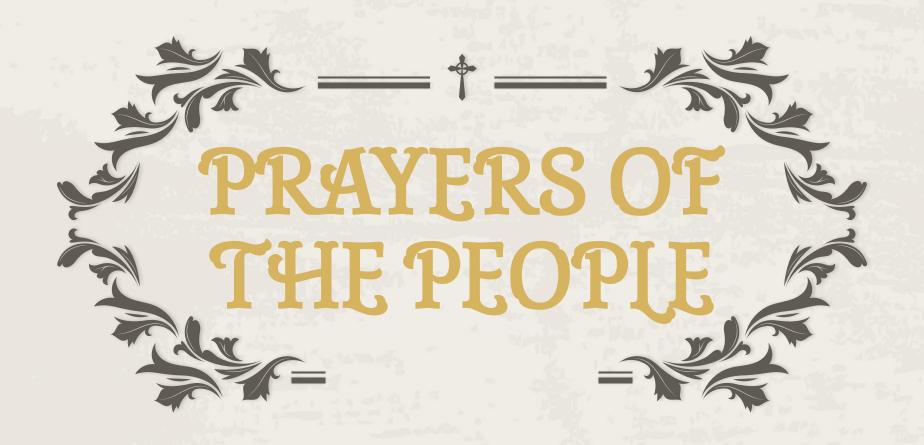
The gifts of God for the people of God. Let us keep the feast.

This is the body of Christ given for you. Take eat it all.

This is the blood of love poured out for you. Drink it all.











## CLOSING HYMN

Jesus paid it all,

All to Him I owe;

Sin had left a crimson stain,

He washed it white as snow.

Jesus Paid it All -African American Heritage Hymnal, # 357





