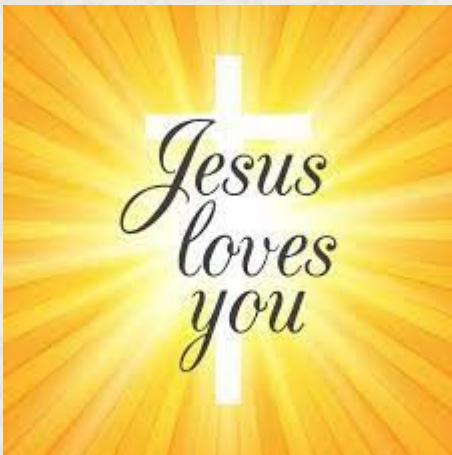




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# PRELUDE

Deep In the Shadows of the Past



WELCOME





**Lord, you are the light of our lives and our salvation. In the time of trouble, you will hide us. When we seek you with our whole heart, we will find you. We are looking for you today to speak to us during the service. We want to hear from you. Speak, Lord, speak.**

## **UNISON OPENING PRAYER**





# ANNOUNCEMENTS





# RESPONSIVE CALL TO WORSHIP



With the pressing crowds searching for healing and hope,



**We wish to see Jesus.**

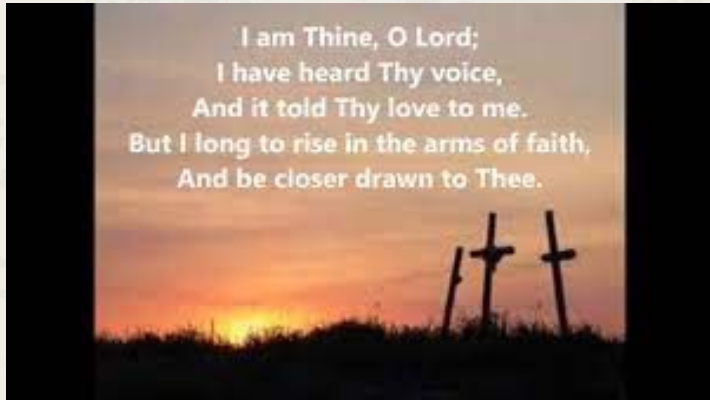
With the pushed out and cast aside, with the lonely lost, stripped of pride,

**We wish to see Jesus.**

With those who seek meaning, wisdom, and grace,

**We wish to see Jesus.**





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Hymnal # 387

# OPENING HYMN

## I Am Thine, O Lord

# A MINUTE FOR MISSION



## The Confession of Belhar





# FIRST RESPONSIVE READING ISAIAH 1: 10-18

Hear the word of the LORD, you rulers of Sodom; listen to the instruction of our God, you people of Gomorrah!

**What good to Me is your multitude of sacrifices?" says the LORD. I am full from the burnt offerings of rams and the fat of well-fed cattle; I take no delight in the blood of bulls and lambs and goats.**


When you come to appear before Me, who has required this of you— this trampling of My courts?

**Bring your worthless offerings no more; your incense is detestable to Me— your New Moons, Sabbaths, and convocations. I cannot endure iniquity in a solemn assembly.**


I hate your New Moons and your appointed feasts. They have become a burden to Me; I am weary of bearing them.

**When you spread your hands in prayer, I will hide My eyes from you; even though you multiply your prayers, I will not listen. Your hands are covered with blood. Wash and cleanse yourselves. Remove your evil deeds from My sight. Stop doing evil!**

Learn to do right, seek justice, and correct the oppressor. Defend the fatherless and plead the case of the widow.





**Come now, let us reason together, says the LORD. Though your sins are like scarlet, they will be as white as snow; though they are as red as crimson, they will become like wool.**





# 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 PSALM 32: 1-7

Happy are those whose transgression is forgiven, whose sin is covered.

**Happy are those to whom the LORD imputes no iniquity and in whose spirit there is no deceit.**




While I kept silent, my body wasted away through my groaning all day long.

**For day and night, your hand was heavy upon me; my strength was dried up as by the heat of summer. Selah**

Then I acknowledged my sin to you, and I did not hide my iniquity; I said, "I will confess my transgressions to the LORD," and you forgave the guilt of my sin. Selah

**Therefore let all who are faithful offer prayer to you; in times of distress, the rush of mighty waters shall not reach them.**

You are a hiding place for me; you preserve me from trouble; you surround me with glad cries of deliverance. Selah





Let us draw near to God with sincerity of heart and full assurance of faith, our guilty hearts washed clean, our bodies bathed with pure water. Let us confess our sins to God and before others.

## CALL TO CONFESSION





**O God, forgive us for those times when we stood around, watching Jesus touch others, and offered negative reactions. At times, we have been self-centered wanting attention for ourselves. Because of our judgmental behavior, we have often blocked the meetings between Jesus and others like Zacchaeus. Help us remember that we are Zacchaeus, embarrassed by our spiritual height and trying to get a glimpse of Jesus among so many tall believers. Give us faith to hear you calling our name. Amen.**

**UNISON PRAYER OF CONFESSION**





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

**Thanks be to God!**

**ASSURANCE OF PARDON**





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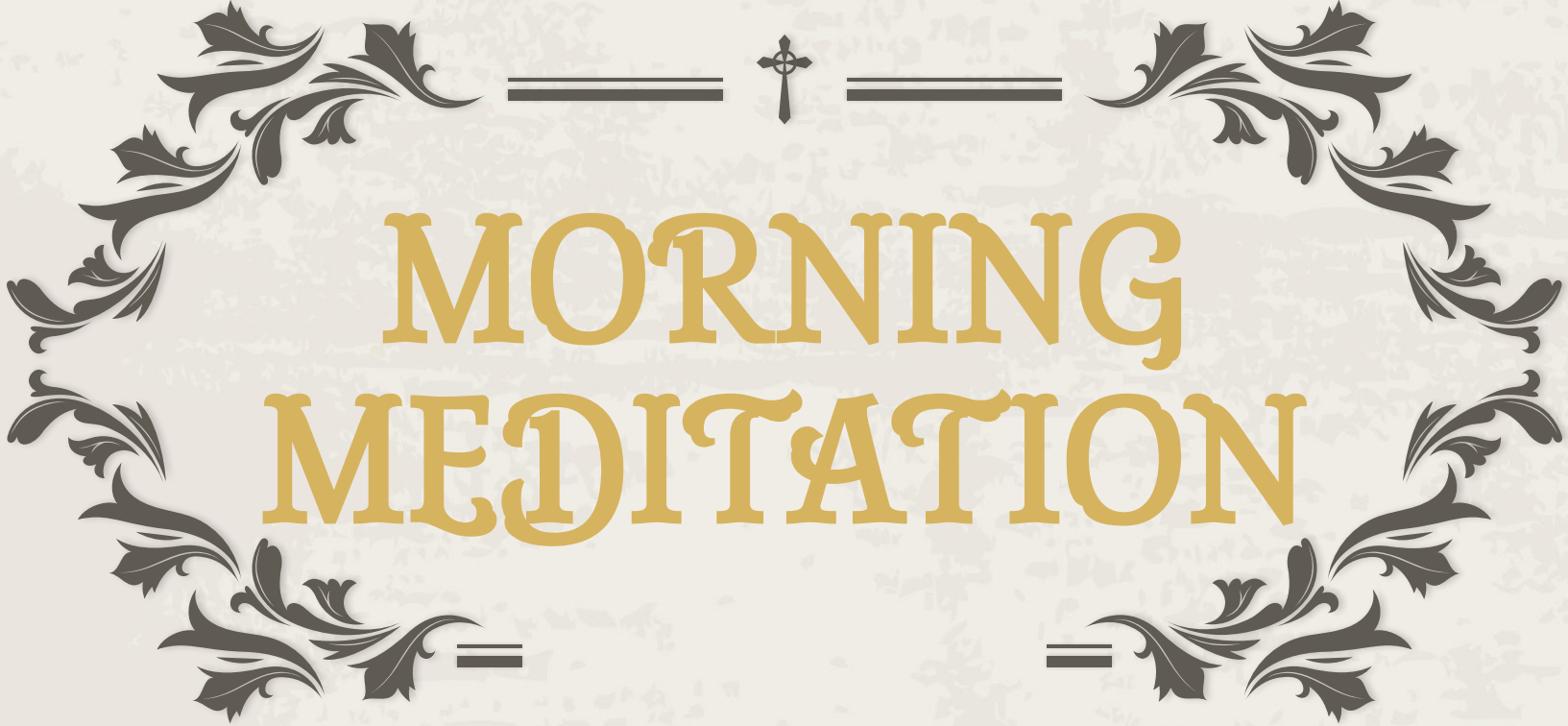
## A READING FROM LUKE 19: 1-10



**He entered Jericho and was passing through it. A man was there named Zacchaeus; he was a chief tax collector and was wealthy. He was trying to see who Jesus was, but because of the crowd, he could not because he was short in stature. So he ran ahead and climbed a sycamore tree to see him because he was going to pass that way. When Jesus came to the place, he looked up and said, "Zacchaeus, hurry and come down, for I must stay at your house today." So he hurried down and was happy to welcome him. All who saw it began to grumble and said, "He has gone to be the guest of one who is a sinner." Zacchaeus stood there and said to the Lord, "Look, half of my possessions, Lord, I will give to the poor; and if I have defrauded anyone of anything, I will pay back four times as much." Then Jesus said to him, "Today salvation has come to this house because he too is a son of Abraham. The Son of Man came to seek out and save the lost."**



# MORNING MEDITATION





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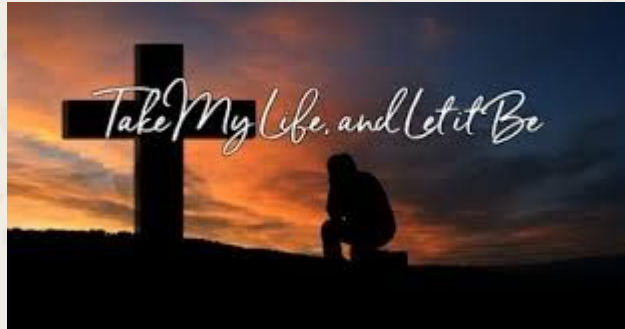
PRAYERS OF  
THE PEOPLE



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



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May the grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, our beloved Redeemer, continue resting, ruling, and abiding with us and in us to the glory and honor of His mighty name. We pray. Amen.

**BENEDICTION**







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# POSTLUDE