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WELCOME



OPENING PRAYER

Almighty God, unto whom all hearts and minds are open and from whom nothing is hidden, we approach your throne of grace with thankful hearts and praises in our mouths. Please accept our offerings as a sweet-smelling savor. Grant us the grace to fully dedicate ourselves to corporal worship that glorifies You in every aspect of this service. We pray in the mighty and holy name of the Lord Jesus Christ. Amen.



ANNOUNCEMENTS

Christian Book Club



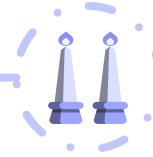
Sunday 7:30 p.m. via Zoom

Midweek service



Thursday evenings
7:30 p.m. via YouTube.

Morning devotions



Monday-Friday 6:00 a.m. via Zoom.



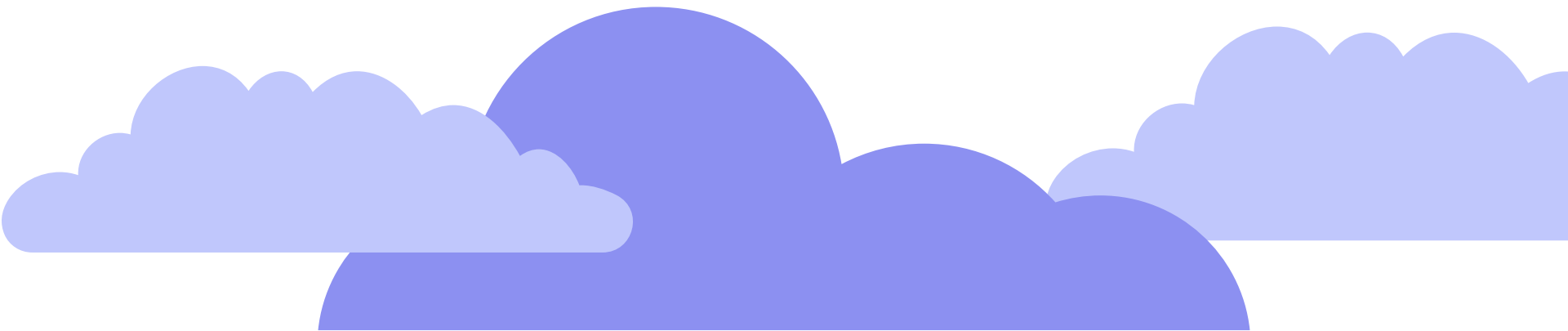
RESPONSIVE CALL TO WORSHIP

Brothers and sisters, let us worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness. The heavens tell of the glory of God and the firmament, and the firmament proclaims His handiwork. Day to day pours forth speech, and night to night declares knowledge.

There is no speech, nor are there words; their voice is not heard, yet their voice goes out through all the earth and their words to the end of the world. In the heavens, he has set a tent for the sun, which comes out like a bridegroom from his wedding canopy, and, like a strong man, runs its course with joy.

Its rising is from the end of the heavens, and its circuit to the end of them, and nothing is hidden from its heat. The law of the Lord is perfect, reviving the soul; the decrees of the LORD are sure, making wise the simple; the precepts of the Lord are right, rejoicing the heart; the commandment of the Lord is clear, enlightening the eyes; the fear of the Lord is pure, enduring forever; the ordinances of the Lord are true and righteous altogether.

More to be desired are they than gold, even much fine gold; sweeter also than honey and drippings of the honeycomb.



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How Great Thou Art

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UNISON SCRIPTURE READING

The people gathered together in the square before the Water Gate. They told Ezra, the scribe, to bring the book of the law of Moses, which the LORD had given to Israel. Accordingly, Ezra, the priest, brought the law before the assembly, both men and women, and all who could hear with understanding. This was on the first day of the seventh month. He read from it facing the square before the Water Gate from early morning until midday, in the presence of the men and the women and those who could understand, and the ears of all the people were attentive to the book of the law. And Ezra opened the book in the sight of all the people, for he was standing above all the people, and when he opened it, all the people stood up. Then Ezra blessed the LORD, the great God, and all the people answered, "Amen, Amen," lifting up their hands. Then they bowed their heads and worshipped the Lord with their faces to the ground.

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH



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 Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried. The third day he rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and sitteth on 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 Ghost, the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting.



Amen.



UNISON SCRIPTURE READING

So they read from the book, from the law of God, with interpretation. They gave the sense so that the people understood the reading. And Nehemiah, the governor, Ezra, the priest and scribe, and the Levites who taught the people, said to everyone, "This day is holy to the Lord your God; do not mourn or weep." For all the people wept when they heard the words of the law. Then he said to them, "Go your way, eat the fat and drink sweet wine and send portions of them to those for whom nothing is prepared, for this day is holy to our Lord, and do not be grieved, for the joy of the Lord is your strength."

UNISON PRAYER

Dear God, please forgive our sins and deliver us from evil. We acknowledge that we have failed to love You and others as You love us. We spoke when we should have remained silent and were quiet when we should have spoken. We have judged others while denying, ignoring, or failing to recognize our faults. Lord, with the psalmist, we pray for each of us to have a clean heart and renew righteousness within us. We pray in Jesus' mighty and holy name. Amen.



ASSURANCE

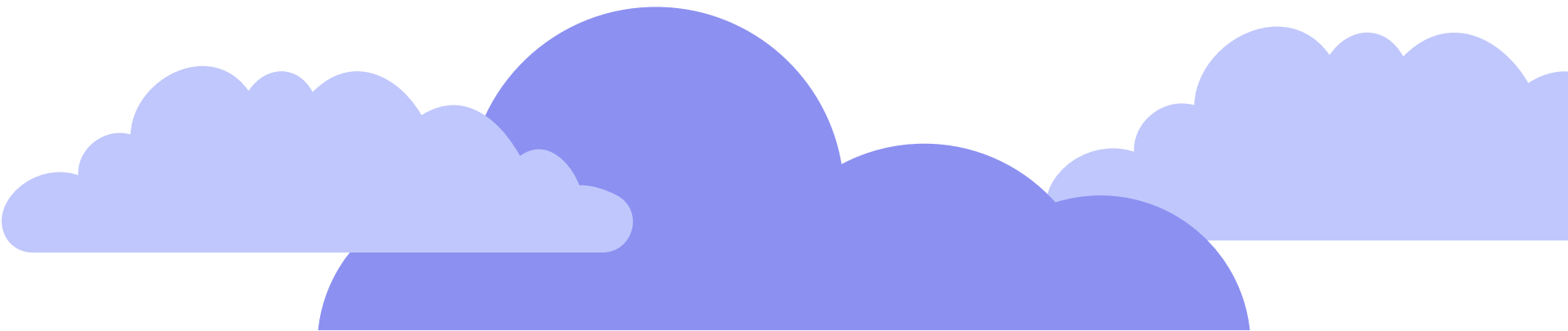
THAT GOD

HEARS OUR

PRAYERS

PASSING THE PEACE





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**O For a
Thousand
Tongues to Sing**

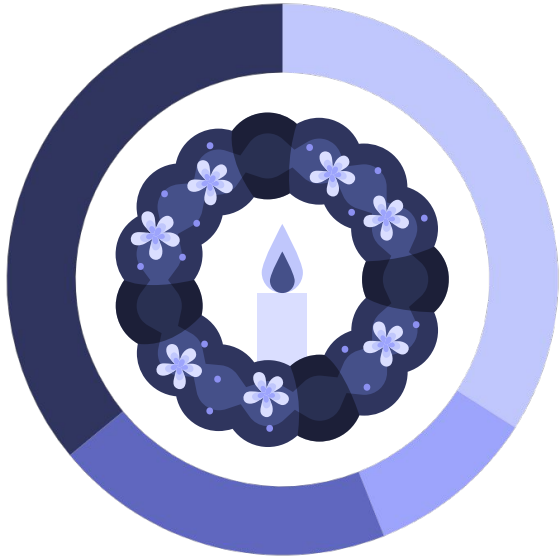
HYMN OF PRAISE

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MORNING MEDITATION



**Cultivating
Christian
Character
through the
Word**

PASTORAL PRAYER

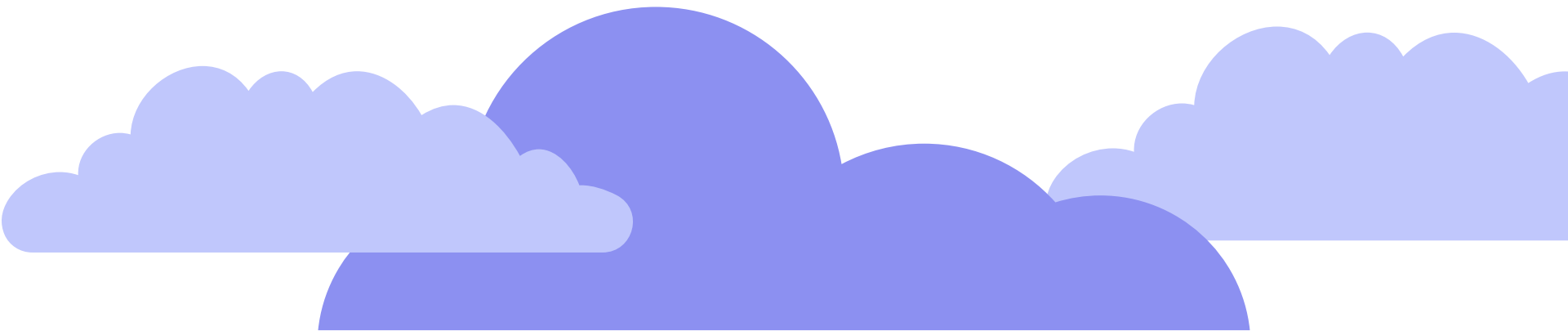


THE LORD'S PRAYER

**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, and lead us away
from temptation and deliver us from
evil, for thine is the kingdom, the
power, and the glory, forever. Amen.**

WORSHIP THROUGH GIVING





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**Open My Eyes
that I May See**

THE CLOSING HYMN

THE BENEDICTION

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