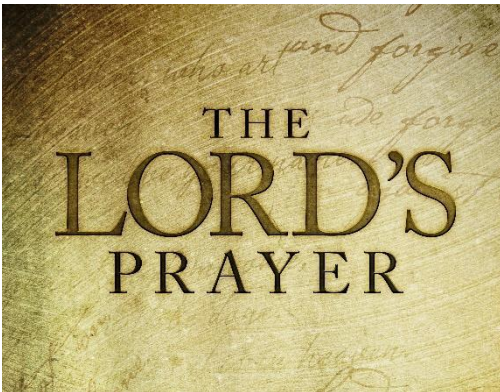


First United Methodist Church
 Building A Village of Faith
Sunday, September 17, 2023, 11:00 AM



**The Prayer of Jesus:
 A Detailed and Devotional Look at The Lord's Prayer**

We begin a five-week series today that I first developed more than seven years ago now on The Lord's Prayer. It incorporates the traditional version of the Prayer of Jesus is presented in Matthew's Gospel, along with other formulations that enrich its points of connection to our lives.

The Scripture text for worship today is Matthew 6:7-13 [NRSV] – the prayer in its entirety. We'll focus on the opening address, "Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed by Thy name." In subsequent weeks, we'll look at the other parts of it.

This is not just a detailed look at The Prayer of Jesus, but a devotional look, as well. My aim is twofold: (1) To move us past the overly-familiar lines of the prayer and encourage us to pray it with more intentionality and (2) To help each of us encounter in a deeper way the dynamic and living Lord who gave us the prayer in the first place.

*"Pray then in this way: Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name."
 – Jesus, in Matthew 6:9 [NRSV]*

**Contemporary Worship – 9:00 AM (no printed worship order)
 Traditional Worship – 11:00 AM**

* It is customary to stand at these times; however, please feel free to remain seated if you prefer.

Words of Welcome & Greeting Pastor Steve

➤ Followed by Passing of the Peace

Music to Set the Tone for Worship Sandford
 "Jesus, at Thy Word"
 Dr. Martha Sandford, piano / organ

*** Call to Worship** Lisa Burns

Leader: People of God, we come into His Sanctuary this morning responding to God's stirring of our spirits.
People: God awakens us with a call to worship!

Leader: There are deep, formative movements of God among us as we worship together.
People: Yes, we are shaped by God's Spirit into brothers and sisters in Christ.

Leader: And with Jesus' teaching, we are invited to see God in fresh ways.
People: Indeed...as our warm, nurturing heavenly Father, our "Abba", "Papa" – whose name is sacred.

*** Hymn of Celebration** UMH #103
 "Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise"

*** Affirmation of Faith** Lisa Burns
 The Apostles' Creed (Ecumen. Vers.), UMH #882

Leader: Let us join our voices together and profess our faith with the words of The Apostles' Creed
People: I believe in God, the Father Almighty, creator...

*** Gloria Patri** UMH #70
 "Glory Be to the Father"

Children's Message Anna Aleksa
 Video Clip

Choral Anthem Myrin, Redman
 "10,000 Reasons / Bless the Lord"
 Sanctuary Choir

Scripture Reading Lisa Burns & Jim Werner
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 Matthew 6:7-13 [NRSV]
 "The LORD's Prayer"

Jim Werner, soloist

Message	"Our Father... Jesus' Gift to His Followers"	Pastor Steve
Generosity Celebrations		Pastor Steve
➤ The Liturgy of Offering		Pastor Steve
🎵 Music for Reflection & Offering	"Improv on Hymn" Passing of the Offering Plates	
🎵 Doxology		UMH #94
✝ Prayer of Thanksgiving and The Lord's Prayer		Lisa Burns
Living Our Faith	Prayer Concerns and Community-building Opportunities	Pastor Steve
* Going Forth in Song	"I Sing the Almighty Power of God"	UMH #152
* Benediction		Pastor Steve
Postlude	Chorale Prelude on "Good Christians all, rejoice and Sing!"	Willan

Welcome Visitors!

Please fill out the **Let's Get Connected** form located in the pew rack in front of you. You may place it in the offering tray as you leave worship. OR...go to our homepage, <https://www.fumcgj.org/>, and scroll all the way down to the bottom and fill in and submit the Contact form. We'll get back to you.

Prayers for our People & Beyond



Keep in your prayers both Ruth and Don Trowbridge. Ruth is doing very well after having her knee replacement on September 5. She is now rehabbing at the Center at Foresight, room 304. She loves visits from our church members. Her husband Don is also doing well with caregivers taking care of him during this time. Cards can be sent to the Trowbridge home at 672 Independence Ranch Rd., GJ 81507.

For Winona Beckner who fell and broke her hip Saturday, August 19th. She is now recovering at home. The family asks for no calls or visits at this time. Cards can be sent to Winona at 653 Larkspur Lane, GJ 81506.

*To add someone to the phone prayer chain, please call Peggy Price at 970-242-4206
or call the church office at 970-242-4850.*