

Closing Hymn “God Bless Our Native Land”
Christian Worship Hymn 619

God bless our native land!
Firm may she ever stand
Through storm and night!
When the wild tempests rave,
Ruler of wind and wave,
Do thou our country save
By thy great might.

For her our prayers shall rise
To God above the skies;
On him we wait.
Thou who art ever nigh,
Guarding with watchful eye,
To thee aloud we cry,
God save the state!

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*We invite you to worship with us again and we sincerely hope that you will accept this invitation. If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to ask.
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LORD, TEACH US TO PRAY: "OUR FATHER IN HEAVEN"

Good Morning!

Today we begin our summer worship series focusing on the Lord's Prayer. May the Lord increase our understanding and appreciation for this prayer that he taught us. This morning we focus on the one to whom our prayer is addressed, God the Father, who invites us to believe in him and to boldly and confidently approach him in prayer. May God bless our worship.

Opening Hymn "Children Of The Heavenly Father"
Christian Worship Hymn 449

Children of the heav'nly Father Safely in his bosom gather; Nestling bird or star in heaven Such a refuge ne'er was given.	Neither life nor death shall ever From the Lord his children sever; Unto them his grace he showeth, And their sorrows all he knoweth.
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God his own doth tend and nourish; In his holy courts they flourish. From all evil things he spares them; In his mighty arms he bears them.	Though he giveth or he taketh, God his children ne'er forsaketh; His the loving purpose solely To preserve them pure and holy.
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CONFESSION OF SINS

M: We begin our worship in the name of the Father and of the Son (+) and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

STAND

"Thank The Lord" *Christian Worship page 36*

Thank the Lord and sing his praise.
Tell ev-'ry-one what he has done.
Let all who seek the Lord re-joice
and proud-ly bear his name.

He re-news his prom-is-es and leads his peo-ple forth
in joy with shouts of thanks-giv-ing.

Al-le-lu-ia! Al-le-lu-ia!

M: Hear the prayer of your people, O Lord, that the lips which have praised you here may glorify you in the world, that the eyes which have seen the coming of your Son may long for his coming again, and that all who have received in his true body and blood the pledge of your forgiveness may be restored to live a new and holy life, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: (sung) Amen.

BLESSING

Christian Worship page 37

M: Brothers and sisters, go in peace. Live in harmony with one another. Serve the Lord with gladness.

The Lord bless you and keep you.
The Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you.
The Lord look on you with favor and + give you peace.

C: (sung) Amen. Amen. Amen.

“Holy, Holy, Holy” *Christian Worship page 34*

Ho-ly, ho-ly, ho-ly is the Lord of hosts.
The whole earth is full of your glo-ry.

You are my God, and I will ex-alt you.
I will give you thanks, for you have be-come my sal-va-tion.

Ho-ly, ho-ly, ho-ly is the Lord of hosts.
The whole earth is full of your glo-ry.

M: Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night he was betrayed, took bread; and when he had given thanks, he broke it and gave it to his disciples, saying, “Take and eat; this is my body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me.”

Then he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it to them, saying “Drink from it, all of you; this is my blood of the new covenant, which is poured out for you for the forgiveness of sins. Do this, whenever you drink it, in remembrance of me.”

M: The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C: *(sing)* **Amen.**

“O Christ, Lamb Of God” *Christian Worship page 35*

O Christ, Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world; have mer-cy on us.

O Christ, Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world; have mer-cy on us.

O Christ, Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world; grant us your peace.

A-men.

BE SEATED

DISTRIBUTION

M: As we join together for worship this morning, God encourages us, “Do not be anxious about anything, but in everything, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God” (Philippians 4:6). As we each look at our own life, we realize that we have failed to take everything to the Lord in prayer. Therefore, let us confess our sins to God our Father, asking him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to forgive us.

C: Holy and merciful Father,

I confess that I am by nature sinful and that I have disobeyed you in my thoughts, words and actions.

I have not always been bold and confident when I approach you in prayer.

I have trusted my own strength and wisdom, rather than talking to you about matters first.

I have neglected my own prayer life and at times taken this privilege of prayer for granted.

For this I deserve your punishment, both now and in eternity.

I am truly sorry for my sins.

I repent of them.

I beg for your mercy, O Lord.

(Silence for personal confession.)

M: God, our Father in heaven, hears the confession of his children. He does not treat us as our sins deserve, but as our Father, who is full of love and forgiveness. “For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life” (John 3:6). Jesus lived a perfect life for you. He died on the cross to pay for all your sins. He rose again to assure you of your salvation. Therefore, as a called servant of Christ and by his authority, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son (+) and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

M: In the peace of that forgiveness, let us praise the Lord.

Song of Praise: “Before The Lord We Bow”
Verses 1 & 2 *Christian Worship Hymn 618*

Before the Lord we bow, The God who reigns above
And rules the world below In boundless pow'r and love.
Our thanks we bring; In joy and praise
Our hearts we raise To heav'n's high King.

The nation you have blessed May well your love declare,
From foes and fears at rest, Protected by your care.
For this fair land, For this bright day
Our thanks we pay -- Gifts of your hand.

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PRAYER OF THE DAY

M: Let us pray.

C: Our Father in heaven,

M: With these words you invite us to believe that you are our true Father and that we are your true children. Help us to pray to you as boldly and confidently as dear children ask their dear father, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

C: *(spoken)* **AMEN.**

FIRST LESSON
DEUTERONOMY 32:1-6

“Moses reminds the Israelites that God is their Father.”

- ¹ Listen, O heavens, and I will speak; hear, O earth, the words of my mouth.
 - ² Let my teaching fall like rain and my words descend like dew, like showers on new grass, like abundant rain on tender plants.
 - ³ I will proclaim the name of the LORD. Oh, praise the greatness of our God!
 - ⁴ He is the Rock, his works are perfect, and all his ways are just. A faithful God who does no wrong, upright and just is he.
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LORD'S PRAYER

Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins,	as we forgive those who sin against us. Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours now and forever. Amen.
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THE SACRAMENT

The Celebration of Holy Communion *Christian Worship pages 33-36*



At Tree of Life, we desire to have all commune with us at the Lord's Table. However, since the Scripture encourages us to “recognize the body and blood of the Lord,” “examine ourselves,” and join together as “one body,” we ask those who are visiting with us this morning to take the time to understand these teachings and establish a unity of beliefs with us before partaking of this act of fellowship. By this practice of close communion, we are in no way judging your personal faith and relationship with Jesus, we just ask for an opportunity for us to share our beliefs with you so that together we can make a true expression of oneness at the Lord's Table.

M: The Lord be with you.

C: *(sing)* **And also with you.**

M: Lift up your hearts.

C: *(sing)* **We lift them up to the Lord.**

M: Let us give thanks to the Lord, our God.

C: *(sing)* **It is right to give him thanks and praise.**

M: Praise to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! In love he has blessed us with every spiritual blessing. He sends the Holy Spirit to testify that we are his children and to strengthen us when we are weak. Now have come the salvation and the power and the kingdom of our God and the authority of his Christ. To him who sits on the throne and to the Lamb be praise and thanks and honor and glory for ever and ever.

Friendship Registers

Offering

Prayer of the Church THE NATION—RESPONSIVE
Christian Worship page 130

M: Almighty God, we acknowledge with thanks that all we have and enjoy is a gift from your gracious hand. We come before you today in heartfelt appreciation for our nation and its people.

C: We thank you for enabling us to worship you in freedom and to serve you without fear.

M: You have enriched us with the bounties of farm and factory, the beauty of forest and mountain, and the marvels of medicine and science.

C: For all these blessings, we praise and glorify you.

M: Look with favor upon our nation, and preserve our cherished liberties. Enable our leaders to govern with wisdom, honesty, courage, and justice. Protect those who serve in the armed forces and those who maintain peace and safety in our communities.

C: Give us willingness to obey our nation’s laws and to work for the common good.

M: Keep our financial institutions secure and our economy strong. Bless our fields that they may produce abundant harvests. Guard us from calamities of nature and accident, and spare our land from the ravages of disease and epidemic.

C: Teach us not to worry but to cast all our cares on you.

M: Strengthen the homes of our nation. By your Spirit lead husbands and wives to love each other, parents to nurture their children, young adults to assume responsibility, and children to show respect.

Special prayers and intercessions may follow.

M: Hear us, Lord, as we bring you our private petitions.

Silent prayer.

M: To you, O Lord, we bring our thanks and our requests.

C: Hear our prayers for Jesus’ sake. Amen.

⁵ They have acted corruptly toward him; to their shame they are no longer his children, but a warped and crooked generation.

⁶ Is this the way you repay the LORD, O foolish and unwise people? Is he not your Father, your Creator, who made you and formed you?

Hymn “Rejoice, My Heart, Be Glad And Sing”
Verses 1, 2 & 5 *Christian Worship Hymn 443*

Rejoice, my heart, be glad and sing; His wisdom never plans in vain
A cheerful trust maintain, Nor falters nor mistakes;
For God, the source of ev'rything, All that his counsels did ordain
Your treasure shall remain. A happy ending makes.

Why spend the day in blank despair,
In restless thought the night?
On your Creator cast your care;
He makes your burdens light.

SECOND LESSON
1 JOHN 3:1-10

“The Apostle John reminds us that we are children of God, our Father.”

¹How great is the love the Father has lavished on us, that we should be called children of God! And that is what we are! The reason the world does not know us is that it did not know him. ²Dear friends, now we are children of God, and what we will be has not yet been made known. But we know that when he appears, we shall be like him, for we shall see him as he is. ³Everyone who has this hope in him purifies himself, just as he is pure.

⁴Everyone who sins breaks the law; in fact, sin is lawlessness. ⁵But you know that he appeared so that he might take away our sins. And in him is no sin. ⁶No one who lives in him keeps on sinning. No one who continues to sin has either seen him or known him.

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⁷Dear children, do not let anyone lead you astray. He who does what is right is righteous, just as he is righteous. ⁸He who does what is sinful is of the devil, because the devil has been sinning from the beginning. The reason the Son of God appeared was to destroy the devil's work. ⁹No one who is born of God will continue to sin, because God's seed remains in him; he cannot go on sinning, because he has been born of God. ¹⁰This is how we know who the children of God are and who the children of the devil are: Anyone who does not do what is right is not a child of God; nor is anyone who does not love his brother.

Hymn “Lord, Teach Us How To Pray Aright”
Christian Worship Hymn 412

Lord, teach us how to pray aright, With rev'rence and with fear.
Though dust and ashes in your sight, We may, we must draw near.

We suffer if we cease from prayer; Oh, grant us pow'r to pray.
And when to meet you we prepare, Lord, meet us on the way.

Give deep humility; the sense Of godly sorrow give;
A strong desire, with confidence, To hear your voice and live;

Faith in the only sacrifice That can for sin atone,
To cast our hopes, to fix our eyes On Christ, on Christ alone.

Give these, and then your will be done; Thus strengthened with your might
We, through your Spirit and your Son, Shall pray, and pray aright.

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KID'S CHURCH

“Jacob Marries Leah and Rachel”- Genesis 29:15-30
11 AM Service- Children ages 3 years to 2nd grade

**LORD, TEACH US TO PRAY:
“OUR FATHER IN HEAVEN”**

Matthew 7:9-11
Vicar Steve Neuman

Hymn “Our Father, Who From Heaven Above”
Christian Worship Hymn 410

Verse 1
Our Father, who from heav'n above Bids all of us to live in love
As members of one family And pray to you in unity,
Teach us no thoughtless words to say, But from our inmost hearts to pray.

Statement of Belief Nicene Creed

We believe in one God, the Father, the almighty,
Maker of heaven and earth,
of all that is,
seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God,
eternally begotten of the Father,
God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God,
begotten, not made,
of one being with the Father.

Through him all things were made.

For us and our salvation, he came down from heaven,
was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary,
and became fully human.

For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate.

He suffered death and was buried.

On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures.

He ascended into heaven

and is seated at the right hand of the Father.

He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,
and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit,
the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,
who in unity with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified,
who has spoken through the prophets.

We believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church.

We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.

We look for the resurrection of the dead
and the life of the world to come. Amen.