

PRAY EVERY DAY September 10, 2023 Resource

What is one takeaway from the worship service that God is giving you?

Scripture Invitation

For thus says the high and lofty one who inhabits eternity, whose name is Holy: I dwell in the high and holy place, and also with those who are contrite and humble in spirit, to revive the heart of the contrite (Isaiah 57:15 NRSV).

*Praying the Psalms from the Daily Office (Morning * Evening)*

Monday: 41, 52 * 44
Tuesday: 45 * 47, 48
Wednesday: 119:49-72 * 49, 53
Thursday: 50 * 59, 60, 93, 96
Friday: 40, 54 * 51
Saturday: 55 * 138, 139
Sunday: 24, 29 * 8, 84

Gloria Patri

Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost;
as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be,
world without end. Amen. Amen.

The Bible in a Year with KUMC

This plan is available at KUMC and on the church website. This plan can be started at any time.

Small Group or personal study

- Read Romans 13:8-14
- This section of Romans continues to be Paul calling Christians to a response in light of the saving grace of Jesus Christ (Romans 1 – 11). Since God’s salvation is here, available, and able to save we are called to join in God’s salvation actions and community. In view here (in light of 12:13b – 13:1-7) is how Christians relate to those who are not Christians. The response to Jesus’ grace is “Love your neighbor as yourself” and to “Owe no one anything, except to love one another.” The love we have for God is demonstrated by loving our neighbors and owing them the love of God. God frees us from our debts and sins, which results in a new freedom to love our neighbors the way God has loved, forgiven, and freed us. Love, forgiveness, healing, and grace given freely are actions of the LORD that we are encouraged to share with our neighbors. How could you share the love of Jesus with a neighbor today?

- The early Methodists gathered in groups known as the United Society which had three simple rules as ways to respond together to God grace to do no harm, do good, and stay in love with God:

“(1) First: By doing no harm, by avoiding evil of every kind, especially that which is most generally practiced...(2) Secondly: By doing good; by being in every kind merciful after their power; as they have opportunity, doing good of every possible sort, and, as far as possible, to all men...(3) Thirdly: By attending upon all the ordinances of God; such are: The public worship of God. The ministry of the Word, either read or expounded. The Supper of the Lord. Family and private prayer. Searching the Scriptures. Fasting or abstinence.” (*Book of Discipline of the United Methodist Church, 2016*).

- Pray for God’s grace today to (1) do no harm, (2) do good, and (3) stay in love with God.
- Verses 11-14 point to the wonders of the time we live in since, “Christ has died; Christ has risen; Christ will come again.” We live in a between time of Christ’s revealing and when Christ will return to make all things new. We are directed not to stay in the dark, drowsy to presence of Christ, but to be awake, be dressed in Christ, and leave the ways of the sin, selfishness, and idleness behind. The light of Christ is growing in the world. The hymn below is one way to pray and put on Christ today. Pray the hymn that begins “Eternal Maker of the light” and put on the ways and love of Jesus.
- KUMC took time to “Wrestle with God for 40 Days in Prayer” recently. There are “Share & Listen” boards at KUMC for people to share what God gave them for the congregation and to listen to what people write down. Join in this opportunity to share and listen.

Hymn “Aeterne Lucis Conditor” Words Anonymous, 5th or 6th cent., trans. by Dylan Schraeder
 Eternal Maker of the light, who art Thyself the Light and Day,
 No darkness can be found in Thee, nor can thy splendor pass away.

The fading night now gives its place to dawning day, so clear and bright;
 Now rises, too, the Morning Star, outshining all the stars of night.

So from our rest in joy we rise to chant thy praise and to adore;
 Blind night hath fallen to the sun that ushers in the day once more.

We beg Thee now, O Holy Lord, should baser passions lure and charm,
 Let not such fleeting worldly snares bring hearts and minds to any harm.

Help us to temper food and drink; may anger never bring distress;
 Let not a thirst for wealth corrupt, nor shameful lust our hearts possess.

But, sober and with steadfast mind, remaining chaste, let us proceed
 Throughout this day in loyalty to Christ in every thought and deed.

This gift, O Father, we entreat; this blessing grant, eternal Son,
 And Holy Spirit, Paraclete, who reign while endless ages run. Amen.

Spend time in silence
Prayer for others and yourself
The Lord’s Prayer

Share the Love of Jesus because It’s All about Relationships

How will you or how did you share the love of Jesus with neighbor today with no strings attached?

A Collect from The Book of Common Prayer, 1979

Grant us, O Lord, to trust in you with all our hearts; for, as you always resist the proud who confide in their own strength, so you never forsake those who make their boast of your mercy; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.