

Prelude : Tantum Ergo by Cesar Franck

Introit : Let Us Serve Him sung by Chancel Choir

***Call to Worship**

***Opening Hymn –**

UMH # 98 - God be the Glory

Announcements

Congregational Prayer & The Lord's Prayer

Prayer Anthem : If You Trust in God - Chancel Choir

You are worthy of my Praise

(Offering)

Goodness of God

UMH #95 Doxology & Prayer of Dedication

***Scripture –** Jonah 4

***Scripture Response &** UMH # 393-Spirit of the Living God

Message - A Call to Run with God

***Closing Hymn -**

UMH # 467 - Trust and Obey

***Benediction**

Postlude : March for St. Cecilia's Day by G. F. Handel

***Congregation please stand as able**

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(Worship is recorded for T.V. viewing and other social media platforms)

Congregational Prayer

O Heavenly Father, You are a good, good Father to us in every way. You Created us, sustain us, redeem us, and sanctify us even though we do not deserve Your love and mercy. Through Your Holy Spirit, help us always to know Your power and might. We are Yours, Lord, and we bow before Your throne now in humility as we make petitions to You for the sake of Your people.

We thank You, Father, for Your gracious love and the forgiveness You pour down on us daily.

Despite being made in Your image, Lord, we are sometimes prone to anger. At times, we stop relying on You and believe that everything is in our control, not Yours. When things don't go our way, we can become frustrated and angry. We want to be a god and rain down selfish and vengeful anger on others. We often do things in anger that we later regret; we overreact, we say hurtful words, we even wish bad outcomes on others who dare to cross us. Like all sin, this anger takes our focus from You and Your goodness.

O Father, Your grace is sufficient, and we can always return to You in prayer and repentance.

O God of the universe, help me to be calm when situations are out of my control. Give me Your peace, instead. Lord, I want to live a righteous life, and I want to please You. Fill me with the Holy Spirit so that I can see the good things You have given me and the path You have set before me. Remind me that You are God, and I am not.

Give me a peaceful mind and a humble spirit, leaving any quarrels, resentment, or bitterness I have to be replaced by awe and reverence of You, my Maker.

Give me the strength to forgive and desire only the best for others. Give me a loving heart toward my enemies. Help me be patient and kind, rejoicing in the salvation of other lives than mine.

Soften my heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me.

I long to be more like You, Lord. Give me wisdom and peace. I want to act and speak in a way that is for Your glory alone.

Infuse Your peace and love into my heart, O God.

Father, I know that there are things which grieve Your own heart, and these are the things about which I can and should have righteous anger. Stir me to speak out against things that break Your heart. But Lord, give me a correct response to these things, as well

Make me more like Jesus, Lord.

These, and all our unspoken petitions, we bring to You, O God of heaven and earth. We pray all this in the name of Jesus, who taught us to pray this way:

Our Father. . .

(The Lord's Prayer follows)