

O God, you invite us to participate in a hospitality which is something else! Help us not only to accept it with thanksgiving, but to freely share it with those whose lives are restricted or crushed by the hardships of this world. Make us not only receivers but generous and unpretentious givers. To the glory of your name, through Christ Jesus. Amen!

Prayer of the Day, Silent Prayer, Our Lord's Prayer **said together:*

**Almighty God, who are mother and father to us all,
Look upon your divided planet Earth.
Help us to know that we are all your children,
That all nations belong to one great family,
And that all of our religions lead to you.
Multiply our prayers in every land
Until the whole Earth becomes your congregation,
United in your love.
Sustain our vision of a peaceful future
And give us strength to work unceasingly
To make that vision real.**

And now we come to with our individual silent prayers for those who are in need around us, for those who are ill in mind or body or suffering from the many challenges life can offer. Let them feel the warmth of Your comforting arms wrapped around them and bring them the peace that only you can bring.

.....silence.....

And now, Creator God, we come to you with all our brothers and sisters around the world, with the prayer that Jesus taught us:

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 trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.

**For thine is the kingdom, an the power, and the glory,
forever and ever.
Amen.**

Readings From the Holy Scriptures

Hebrews 13:1-3

Keep on loving one another as brothers and sisters. Do not forget to show hospitality to strangers, for by so doing some people have shown hospitality to angels without knowing it. Continue to remember those in prison as if you were together with them in prison, and those who are mistreated as if you yourselves were suffering.

John 17:21-23

²¹ that they may all be one. As you, Father, are in me and I am in you, may they also be in us, so that the world may believe that you have sent me. ²² The glory that you have given me I have given them, so that they may be one, as we are one, ²³ I in them and you in me, that they may become completely one, so that the world may know that you have sent me and have loved them even as you have loved me.

Matthew 25:34-40

³⁴ Then the king will say to those at his right hand, 'Come, you who are blessed by my Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world, ³⁵ for I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you welcomed me, ³⁶ I was naked and you gave me clothing, I was sick and you took care of me, I was in prison and you visited me.' ³⁷ Then the righteous will answer him, 'Lord, when was it that we saw you hungry and gave you food or thirsty and gave you something to drink? ³⁸ And when was it that we saw you a stranger and welcomed you or naked and gave you clothing? ³⁹ And when was it that we saw you sick or in prison and visited you?' ⁴⁰ And the king will answer them, 'Truly I tell you, just as you did it to one of the least of these brothers and sisters of mine, you did it to me.'

Closing Hymn

“This Is My Song”

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Benediction

Go in peace knowing that there is one God, the God of us all. Go to your homes and workplaces and schools; to the highways and byways of your lives, expressing Gods love through your actions to all peoples everywhere. And when you do, the blessings of God our creator, Jesus our Savior and the Holy Spirit our companion and comforter will be with you now, every moment of your lives and beyond. Amen

Postlude

We Depart to Serve God

**The United Church of Christ
Calvary Lutheran Church
Neillsville, Wisconsin
August 14, 2022 Fair Service**

*All who are comfortably able are invited to stand at those places in the service indicated by an asterisk**

Prelude

Welcome and Announcements

Call to Worship

Leader: Creator God, you call us to hospitality;
to give as generously to others as you have given to us.

People: For there are angels among us.

Leader: Loving God, you call us to give you glory
in the compassion we show to one another.

People: To love without judgment, of ourselves or of others.

Leader: We gather as one Body, seeking to walk in the way
you have set for us.

People: We gather as one Body, to worship the one who is Love.

Prayer of Invocation **said together:*

**We give you thanks for all the ways that you bless our lives:
the beauty and abundance of nature,
the love of family and friends,
the joy of knowing you and hearing your word.
Send Your Spirit during this time of worship
so that we might dream your dreams
and see visions of the world as you created it to be.
Guide our thoughts and actions.
Bring us closer to you so that we might do your will
and dwell in your house forever. Amen**

Opening Hymn

“All Are Welcome”

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