THE CHURCH GATHERS

Pre-Service Music Praeludium in F# Bach

Call to Worship adapted from Steve Garnaas-Holmes

God of love, we ask you to teach us to pray.
You show us your grace, and our wonder is our prayer to you.
Christ, your love gives us joy.
Let our gratitude be prayer to you.
Holy Spirit, you fill us with your power.
Let our lives be our prayer to you. And let this, our worship, bring you praise.

Hymn All Who Hunger FWS #2126

Prayer of Confession adapted from Steve Garnaas-Holmes

The Lord be with you.
And also with you.
Let us join our hearts as one.
God, we confess we have not lived as your beloved children. We have not held your holy presence at the center of our lives. We have submitted to this world's empires. We have starved ourselves of your grace. Neglecting your forgiveness, we have not been forgiving. Our faith has been tried, and failed. Heal us, forgive us, and restore us to your Realm. We pray in the name and by the grace of Christ.

silence for prayer

Words of Assurance

God is even more ready to listen than we are to pray,
and God's grace is our daily bread.
In the name of Jesus Christ we are forgiven!
In the name of Jesus Christ we are forgiven! Thanks be to God! Alleluia! Amen.

TO HEAR THE WORD AND REFLECT

Music Ministry Come, Jesus, Holy Son of God Handel/Hopsen

Children's Time Where Children Belong TFWS #2233

SHARING IN WORSHIP TODAY

Acolytes - Ethan Hamilton, Sequoah Hadley
Liturgists - Ian Griffiths, Pearl Assan
Reader - Susan Davelman
Musicians - Intergenerational Choir, Youth Ensemble, Julia Hanna
Ushers - Lou Davelman, Reggie Cann, Paul Manulik, Momo Wolapaye

TODAY'S FLOWERS ARE GIVEN

IN HONOR AND THANKSGIVING OF ED SPROLES

FROM HIS FRIENDS AT PUMC

Scripture Reading Matthew 6:9-15 (p. 5)
This is the Word of Life. **Thanks be to God.**

Sermon Rev. Jenny Smith Walz

TO RESPOND IN FAITH

Prayers of the People

Offertory The Lord's Prayer Cari Cole

Holy Communion UMH #13

The Lord's Prayer

Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kin-dom come, your will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. And forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil, for yours is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory forever. Amen.

Prayer After Receiving

Eternal God, we give you thanks for this holy mystery in which you have given yourself to us. Grant that we may go into the world in the strength of your Spirit, to give ourselves for others, in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

AND SCATTERS TO BE IN THE WORLD

Hymn Every Time I Feel the Spirit UMH #404

Benediction

Postlude Brightly from Penta Metrics Larsen

PRAYER CONCERNS

Prayers for our country and the divisiveness caused by political discourse. Prayers for our country's leaders to choose pathways of peace and not war or violence. Prayers for our community members to come together and provide support for those who may be at risk, financially, physically, socially, or otherwise. May we find ways to communicate and work together.
Prayers for those around the world, but especially in Gaza and Sudan, experiencing war, hardship, food insecurity, and famine. May we share what we have in plenty for those who do not have nearly enough.
Prayers for those being targeted in our community and nationwide.
Prayers for people in all places in war.
Prayers for all those affected by the weather across the country this week and next.

HAVE PRAYER CONCERNS?

For our Prayer Chain, call Yvonne Macdonald at 609-577-8369 or email her at yvonnee.mac@verizon.net. Email Tyler at tyler@princetonumc.org when you or a family member is in the hospital or in need of a pastoral call.

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We are a diverse faith community,
engaged in enlivening spiritually thirsty people
to joyfully respond to God's love
and grow as disciples of Christ,
so that together we may experience the fullness of life.

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

FEBRUARY SPECIAL COMMUNION OFFERING

This month's Special Communion Offering is Super Bowl of Caring benefiting Trenton Area Soup Kitchen (TASK). TASK partners with religious organizations, schools, community centers, nonprofits and businesses to provide a wide network of support.

HELP PREP FOR LENT

Help put together our "Fear Knots" for Lent. We will be working with satin cord- cutting it, fusing the ends, and tying simple knots. Samples and instructions will be provided.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR ASH WEDNESDAY

We will be opening our Sanctuary and Sanford Davis Room for Prayer and Meditation on Ash Wednesday, February 18, as well as for our prayer labyrinth. The space will be open from 9am-5pm. This annual tradition invites community members to a quiet space to connect with God ahead of the Lenten Season. Ashes and oil will be available for Ash imposition. We are seeking volunteers to serve as a hospitable presence for our guests. If you are available for one or several 90 minute shifts, please contact Tyler in the office at tyler@princetonumc.org.

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FOURTH SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY

Our Father | Jen Norton

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