The Lord’s Prayer

**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, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.**

Prayer of Consecration

Breaking Bread

Prayer after Communion

**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.**

\*Singing Our Faith # **528** *“Nearer, My God, to Thee”*

\*Blessing and Dismissal

\*Postlude

**Scatter to Serve God & Neighbor**

*Welcome to all! We gather to praise God for the innumerable blessings given to us and to grow deeper in the Spirit. Joyfully, let us lift our hearts to God.*



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10:30 a.m. ~ September 3, 2023 ~ Fourteenth Sunday after Pentecost

Our ministry vision for the Virginia Annual Conference is ***“to be disciples of Jesus Christ who are lifelong learners, who influence others to serve.”***

***Welcome! Join us in worshiping God!***

Prelude

Welcome and Ministry Announcements

*Welcome in the name of Christ our Lord. Please register your attendance, printing your name, address, phone, and email, on the attendance pad provided on your pew. Thank you for silencing cell phones as we gather to worship God.*

Invocation

Greeting

Come and find the quiet center

**In the crowded life we lead,**

Find the room for hope to enter,

**Find the frame where we are freed:**

Clear the chaos and the clutter,

**Clear our eyes, that we can see**

All the things that really matter,

**Be at peace, and simply be.**

Silence is a friend who claims us,

**Cools the heat and slows the pace,**

God it is who speaks and names us,

**Knows our being, touches base,**

Making space within our thinking,

**Lifting shades to show the sun,**

Raising courage when we're shrinking,

**Finding scope for faith begun.**

In the Spirit let us travel,

**Open to each other's pain,**

Let our loves and fears unravel,

**Celebrate the space we gain;**

There's a place for deepest dreaming,

**There's a time for heart to care,**

In the Spirit's lively scheming

**There is always room to spare!** *(Shirley Erena Murray, 20th century)*

Singing Our Faith **# 127** *“Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah”*

\*Opening Prayer

**Grant, O merciful God, that your Church, being gathered together in unity by your Holy Spirit, may show forth your power among all peoples, to the glory of your Name; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.**

Greeting Friends and Neighbors

Scripture Lesson Matthew 15:21-28

The Word of God for the people of God.

**Thanks be to God.**

Singing Our Faith **# 419** *“I Am Thine, O Lord”*

The Good News ***“Ode to Being Clever”***

Bringing Forward God’s Tithes and Our Gifts

\*Doxology **# 95 Praise God from whom all blessings flow; praise him, all Creatures here below;** **praise him above, ye heavenly host; praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

\*Prayer of Thanksgiving

Sharing of Joys and Concerns

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