

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (seated)

Gracious God, behold us and hear us for the erring children that we are. Gifted with sight, we miss the glory that surrounds us; gifted with conscience, we make our peace with sin; gifted with the power to think, we fall for lies that cater to our prejudices; gifted with imagination, we plod along afraid to dream or hope; gifted with the quality of love, we waste our affection on the things that matter little. Forgive our ~~gross~~ misuse of life, and grant that the very act of penitence itself may get us started today in a new direction, lest we gain the world and lose our souls. Through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

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Eternal God, You make all things new and forgive old wrongs we can't forget. We confess that we have spent time without loving and years without purpose, and the calendar condemns us. Daily we have done wrong and failed to do what You have asked of us. Forgive the past. Do not let evil cripple or shame us. Lead us into the future, free from sin, free to love, and ready to work for Your Son, our Savior, Jesus Christ, in whose name we pray. Amen.

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I

Help us, O Lord, who claim to be Christians. Teach us our responsibilities to You and to others in this world. Save us from loving religion instead of You. Take fire and burn away our hypocrisy. Take water and wash away the blood that we cause to be shed. Take sunlight and dry the tears of those we have hurt. Take love and plant it in our hearts, that peace and joy may be made real for all people everywhere. For we ask these things in the name and spirit of Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

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II

Most merciful Father, we have done little to forward Thy kingdom in this world, to foster the brotherhood of man, and to establish love as the law of life. We have allowed self to blind us, pains to embitter us. Pardon our shortcomings; forgive our neglect; give us a pure heart intent on pleasing Thee. Help us in all our seeking to seek first Thy kingdom and Thy righteousness. And make us to come, as came Thy Son, not to be ministered unto, but to minister. We ask this in the spirit of Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

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O God, our Father, who hast set forth the way of life for us in Thy beloved Son; we confess with shame our slowness to learn of Him, our reluctance to follow Him. Thou hast spoken and called and we have not given heed; Thy beauty hath shone forth, and we have been blind; Thou hast stretched out Thy hands to us through our fellows, and we have passed by. Forgive us our transgressions; help us to amend our ways and in Thine eternal goodness direct what we shall be, in the name and power of Thy Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

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God of our life, we confess in company with one another and before Thee, that we are wayward and less than faithful servants. We have loved things and used people; remembered slights and forgotten kindnesses; called on Thee in trouble and ignored Thee at other times; praised Thee in word and failed Thee in deed; allowed the present age to mould us and left untapped the power of the age to come. Deal with us after Thy mercy, for we are sorry for our sins and earnestly seek Thy pardon through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

SILENT MEDITATION - WORDS OF ASSURANCE - LORD'S PRAYER

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The paradox of our time in history

Isn't it amazing that George Carlin - gross and mouthy comedian of the 70's and 80's - could write something so very eloquent and so very appropriate post 9-11.

GEORGE CARLIN - POST 9-11

The paradox of our time in history is that we have taller buildings but shorter tempers, wider freeways, but narrower viewpoints. We spend more, but have less, ... we buy more, but enjoy less. We have bigger houses and smaller families, more conveniences, but less time.

We have more degrees but less sense, more knowledge, but less judgment, more experts, yet more problems, more medicine, but less wellness.

We drink too much, smoke too much, spend too recklessly, laugh too little, drive too fast, get too angry, stay up too late, get up too tired, watch TV too much, and pray too seldom.

We have multiplied our possessions, but reduced our values. We talk too much, love too seldom, and hate too often.

We've learned how to make a living, but not a life. We've added years to life not life to years. We've been all the way to the moon and back, but have trouble crossing the street to meet a new neighbor.

We conquered outer space but not inner space. We've done larger things, but not better things.

We've cleaned up the air, but polluted the soul. We've conquered the atom, but not our prejudice.

We write more, but learn less. We plan more, but accomplish less. We've learned to rush, but not to wait. We build more computers to hold more information, to produce more copies than ever, but we communicate less and less.

These are the times of fast foods and slow digestion, big men and small character, steep profits and shallow relationships.

These are the days of two incomes but more divorce, fancier houses, but broken homes.

These are days of quick trips, disposable diapers, throwaway morality, one night stands, overweight bodies, and pills that do everything from cheer, to quiet, to kill.

It is a time when there is much in the showroom window and nothing in the stockroom. A time when technology can bring this letter to you, and a time when you can choose either to share this insight, or to just hit delete.

Remember, spend some time with your loved ones, because they are not going to be around forever.

Remember, say a kind word to someone who looks up to you in awe, because that little person soon will grow up and leave your side.

Remember, to give a warm hug to the one next to you, because that is the only treasure you can give with your heart and it doesn't cost a cent.

Remember, to say, "I love you" to your partner and your loved ones, but most of all mean it. A kiss and an embrace will mend hurt when it comes from deep inside of you.

Remember to hold hands and cherish the moment for someday that person will not be there again.

Give time to love, give time to speak, and give time to share the precious thoughts in your mind.

AND ALWAYS REMEMBER:

Life is not measured by the number of breaths we take, but by the moments that take our breath away.

PALESTINE'S TWO SEAS

Read Matt. 20:20-29

In Palestine there are two lakes, each of which is formed by the widening of the Jordan River. One is the Sea of Galilee. Flowers bloom on its shores and vineyards flourish on its hillsides. Fish swim in its sparkling waters. Four of Jesus' disciples made their living as fishermen there, and people today still earn their livelihood the same way. The lake is always clean and wholesome, because it gets its water only to give it away and let it flow onward through the country to the south.

The other lake is the Dead Sea. Its water is so salty that no fish can live in it. No trees or flowers grow on its brackish banks. It has no outlet, but keeps its water to itself; for this reason it is stagnant and dead. The two lakes in the land where Jesus lived are a permanent illustration of his teaching that overflowing generosity is the source of life and that selfishness ends in useless stagnation.

Thou loving and giving Christ, keep me from being a hoarder. May I never try to keep my life or my possessions to myself. Let my love flow out like a steady and refreshing stream into the lives of thy needy ones. Amen.

Go In Peace

Barber L. Waters

OCEAN PARK
Kenneth E. White

Unison

Go in peace and the peace of God be with you this

day. Go in peace and the peace of God

be with you al - way. Cel - e - brate and

share the joy! Cel - e - brate New Life!

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BEHOLD US NOW - here in this sacred place of worship, seeking in
a common prayer, light upon our separate ways,
and strength and illumination within our individual
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SEEK US OUT - one by one - in those special circumstances of personal
need that have drawn us here to this sanctuary on this
Sunday morning. Help us now to "center down," to
look up and to see life from higher ground. Remind us..

HERE - lift up the unhappy souls into joy and the discouraged souls into
encouragement...the defeated souls into victory - and thus enable us:

"To fight the good fight, to keep the faith,
to finish the course..."

BREATHE into our hearts, O God, goodwill and generosity.

BREAKDOWN our stubborn prejudices.

SAVE US from letting un-Christlike attitudes and actions take hold.

FORGIVE US that at times we can be such a part of the problems of
the world, and such a small fraction of its solutions.

COMFORT US, LORD, where we are hurting.

REMIND US - as we worship YOU - that we cannot fellowship with You
if in our hearts we reject or neglect our brother who
is in need. And so we pray for the hungry, the homeless,
the hurt and helpless of our society. Sensitize our
heart-sight that we may see those in need of help.

HELP THOSE OF US who take Jesus seriously and who try to follow in His
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Agents of His love. Pure in thought,
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DATE: _____

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10 seconds before beginning to read.
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follow along...give them time to find
the passage...then start in and be sure
to PROJECT....and keep your voice UP.

AFTER (Sign off with.....)

"Thus endeth the reading taken from the Holy Scripture.
May God add His blessing to the reading of His Word and
to our understanding of it.

THANKS BE TO GOD! AMEN!"

(Careful walking up...careful walking down. We don't want any accidents.
Walk slowly...with dignity)

(over)

LAY READER: AMY WALKER SUBLETTE

DATE: JANUARY 4, 1998

BEFORE



"The Scripture Reading for today is taken from the OLD TESTAMENT
BOOK OF DEUTERONOMY, CHAPTER 30, verses 11 - 20 and found on page 179....
and also the NEW TESTAMENT, the GOSPEL OF JOHN. CHAPTER 1. Verses 1 - 14 and
found on page 922.
~~Chapter _____ Verses _____~~

~~It is found on page _____ in the Bible that is in the pews.~~

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Worship

A hush falls over the congregation. The worshipers are sitting in rapt attention.

The reader walks to the lectern and looks up. Something important is about to happen. You can tell by the way the listeners lean forward slightly, their eyes open wide, their ears attuned. The reader begins to speak, "A reading from the book of"

Is that the kind of anticipation that rivets your congregation's attention when the Scriptures are about to be read? Or are the lessons a time to take a nap or let our minds drift a million miles away?

In every service of worship the Scriptures are read. Often, several passages are read in the course of a service. These do not include the acts of worship that have been selected or adapted from biblical texts. If reading the Scriptures aloud in the gathered community of faith is so important, we need to take time to do it well.

The reading of the Scripture lessons is essential for effective worship; yet, few pastors or lay readers receive preparation for reading them with confidence.

Here are a few suggestions to help you prepare to read the Scriptures aloud in worship.

First, read the lesson several times. Read it aloud, even if you are alone. Pay close attention to the sounds of the words as well as their meanings. If

there are words whose meanings you do not know, look them up.

Second, find the attitude of the speaker of the passage. Is the lesson simply giving information? Is the speaker happy or angry? Is the speaker attempting to comfort or challenge the listeners? Practice reading the lesson aloud so your reading reveals the attitude of the speaker whose words you are reading.

Third, mark the words you need to stress in your reading. Underline once the words that deserve a moderate stress, and draw two lines under words that should receive greater emphasis. Practice reading the passage, stressing each word appropriately until the reading feels and sounds natural.

Fourth, mark the places you wish to pause in the reading. Mark brief pauses with one thin slash mark (/) and more sustained pauses with a bolder slash mark. Practice reading the passage, including the appropriate pauses, until the reading feels and sounds natural.

Finally, each lesson is meaningful and should be read as if it means something. What is the sense of the passage? How is that sense communicated through the attitude of the speaker, the stressed words and the pauses? Practice reading the passage until the sense of the lesson is expressed in a way that feels and sounds natural.

Reading of Scripture is important to our worship. Let us work to read well.

—*Michael E. Williams*

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FIRST INTRODUCTION

The week of toil has ended. Our day of rest is at hand. May the rest and the quiet of this hour of worship refresh our inner life. And may it renew in all of us a sense of God's holy and abiding Presence.

In silence, let each now pray as the heart may prompt.

SECOND INTRODUCTION

Remaining in a prayerful spirit, let us enter now into a time of silent meditation....a time in which we prepare ourselves expectantly...that the Spirit of the living God may be made real to us in this hour of worship.

In quietness, let each now pray as the heart may prompt.

THIRD INTRODUCTION

Remaining in a prayerful spirit, let us enter into a time of silent meditation as we come into the Presence of Him whom our faith declares to be the Source of all life and love, all peace and power, the Source of all hope and healing.

In silence, let each now pray as the heart may prompt.

FOURTH INTRODUCTION

Remaining in a prayerful spirit, let us enter now into a time of silent meditation. In these moments, let us ponder the pattern our lives have been weaving as we come into the Presence of Him whom our Faith declares to be the Source of all life and love, all peace and power, the Source of all hope and healing.

In silence, let each now pray as the heart may prompt.

MEDITATION

We rest our hearts in the Promise of Jesus who said:

"Come unto Me, all ye that labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you and learn of Me, for My yoke is easy and My burden is light".

"Ask, and it will be given you. Seek and you will find. Knock, and it will be open unto you."

"I am the Way, the Truth, and the Life. No one comes to the Father, but by Me. If you love Me, you will keep my commandments"

"For I tell you...do not be anxious about your life, what you shall eat...or drink...nor about your body, what you shall put on. Is not life more than food? And the body more than raiment."

"But seek ye first His kingdom and His righteousness, and all these things shall be yours as well."

"For I am persuaded that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor principalities, nor powers, nor things present...to come, nor height, nor depth, nor any other creature - shall be able to separate us from the love of God, which is in Christ Jesus, Our Lord."

"And all things...whatsoever you shall ask in prayer, believing...you shall receive. And as many as touched : Him were made whole!"

"Wait on the Lord. Be of good course and He shall strengthen thine heart. For we dwell in the shelter of the Almighty. He is our refuge and our strength."

"We know that in everything, God works together for good with those who love Him!"

"But they that wait upon the Lord shall renew their strength. They shall mount up with wings as eagles. They shall run and not be weary. They shall walk and not faint".

"God so love the world that He gave His only Son, that whosoever believeth in Him should not perish, but have everlasting life".

"Bless the Lord, O my soul, and forget not all His benefits: who forgiveth all thine iniquities; who healeth all thy diseases".

"Thou wilt keep Him in perfect peace, whose mind is stayed on Thee: because he trusteth in thee".

"In the name of Jesus Christ, I share with you the Good News: We are forgiven".

PRAYERS / LORD'S PRAYER

O Thou, who hearest prayer, hear our prayers...for others, as well as for ourselves. Touch with healing, O God...Father of us all, those whom we mention in our prayers this hour:

1. SARA COWAN 2. _____ 3. _____
4. _____ 5. _____ 6. _____ 7. _____

...beloved members and friends of this congregation. Comfort the bereaved and the broken hearted among us...and especially be close to _____ who in recent days has lost a loved one. Abide among us as a healing benediction. Heal each of us at the point of our deepest need.

Answer the upspoken prayers now offered to thee on the altars of our hearts, spoken in the name and spirit of Jesus, who taught us to say when we pray.... For we ask all of this in the powerful name and lifting spirit of Jesus who taught us to say when we pray...

"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"

ANNOUNCEMENTS: Sunday, January 31, 1993

GREETING / VISITORS

- A. A word of welcome to the visitors...delighted to have you with us...and we do hope that we'll have the opportunity...
- B. Be free in the sharing of your name...fill out a visitor card, or sign....come, worship with us...work with us, too...
- C. The roots of this church are deep....doing the Lord's work here since 1837...4th building out of which...minister in the name of Christ and it is in His loving spirit....
- D. Members: wear your name tags. Make a point of making some new friends....

PARISH CONCERNS

- A. Parish concerns in the bulletin...REVIEW THEM...on your own... Noting the study and spiritual growth opportunities... "Hounds" and Aldersgate Class. Trustee Meeting on Monday evening at 7:30 pm.
- B. Rummage Sale: Saturday. Winter Rummage Sale. Big one. Workers needed....be in touch with Dianne Keller if you can...
- C. Remember our Super Bowl Bake Sale today...as a part of the coffee hour. Support it with a purchase. Good cause. All Church PICNIC of June. Helps to pay for the bus....
- D. Also, the Adult Fellowship has a super bowl party at the parsonage later today. Kick-off is at _____. Plan to arrive before then....all are invited. Melissa Shaw is in charge of the refreshments...touch base with her.
- E. Today is the last day to pick up your box of offering envelopes...on a table at the rear. Throw the box away if you prefer not to use the envelopes. And if you did not make a pledge back there in November or December and wish to have a box, speak to JOHN MOORE, Treasurer. Glad to provide you with a box for your weekly gifts.
- F. We have something very special "in the works" for two weeks from today...hope you'll plan to be here for it. We're going to celebrate Valentine's Day with a valentine party for someone who means a great deal to us who has been around here 25 years, Sunday after Sunday.

OFFERING: Jesus said, "It is more blessed to give...."

ANNOUNCEMENTS: Sunday, February 7, 1999

HOLY COMMUNION

- A. It has long been the custom...to celebrate the Sacrament of Holy Communion....and we like to announce for the benefit....that the TABLE OF OUR LORD is open...open to all...that one does not have...
- B. HIS TABLE IS OPEN TO ALL...and we invite all of you to receive... and trust that this time may be an occasion of spiritual renewal... re-affirmation....and the re-dedication of your life to the WILL of God as it has come to us....LIFE and LOVE of Christ.
- C. Procedure...elements will be served to you in the pews...upon receiving them, please HOLD THEM until all have been served and then...

GREETING / VISITORS

- A. We greet the visitors...delightedhope that we shall have....be free in the sharing...COME, WORSHIP. COME, WORK WITH US....
- B. DOING the "LORD'S WORK" at this busy corner of God's Kingdom since 1837....five weeks from today we shall pause to celebrate our 162nd birthday....hope you'll plan to come and share that special moment...
- C. We minister here in the NAME OF CHRIST and it is in HIS LOVING SPIRIT... Members: wear name tags. Greet a child. Make some new friends... Remember: no church business....remember how PAUL RUSSELL who celebrated his 100th birthday last Monday use to say ~~that~~ to me...let the coffee hour be a time of getting to know each other better and sharing in fellowship...

PARISH CONCERNS

- A. Parish concerns...listed in the bulletin. Review them, noting that the Winter Rummage Sale is getting closer....Saturday, the 20th of February,.....sign up to lend a hand...Margaret Fisher. Also, ASH WEDNESDAY is February 17th. Holy Communion...morning and evening.
- B. Today's preacher is the Rev. Kenneth Halcott...longtime friend of our Church....for many years he has brought us a message on the first Sunday of the year....this year we shifted it to first Sunday of February. Always brings a thoughtful message and we're always lifted by hearing it. Welcome back, Kenneth....back in December in mentioned missing only 2 Sundays....1960 and 1985....Ken rescued us that March Sunday....

- C. Be sure to pick up your copy of our monthly news sheet...in order to be up to date on what's going on..."in the loop"...our thanks to Janet Ernst...

OFFERING: Jesus said,

"It is more blessed to give than it
is to receive!"

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 the Lord Jesus, There am I in midst of them."

"God is a spirit. They that worship Him must worship Him in
 spirit and in truth".

PARISH CONCERNS

Let me take this opportunity to welcome any visitors who are worshipping with us this morning...here in Portland, Perhaps, for this special weekend. Delighted to have you with us this morning...and we hope that we shall have the opportunity to greet you in a more personal way following this service - either at the door as you depart, or time permitting...at the coffee hour in the fellowship room.....reached by passing through this door to your left.....

Next Sunday, the Rev. Dr. T. Lawrence Gilbert, a retired minister of the United Church of Christ, and father of Eunice Gilbert, an active member of this church. "Seeds, Sowers and the Harvest" is the title of his sermon.....

I thank Dr. Merrill for the invitation to lead you in worship this morning. Tom and Art Van Denburg approached me last January about taking a Sunday.....first service I've shared in since retiring from my parish in NYC where I served 43 years. Tom included a few things about me in the bulletin....which you've probably reviewed...but one thing he failed to mention was that I've been tempted since worshipping regularly with you this past year....was that I've been tempted to sneak over here on a Saturday night with a black magic marker and add an E to the name of your church out front....and also that I preached here many years ago.....1961 - 1965 when John Neff was your pastor. John needed some summer help and I was over in Ocean Park.... Good to be with you again.....37 years later....

OFFERING: Now let us worship God with our morning offering...remembering the words of Jesus that IT IS MORE BLESSED TO GIVE THAN IT IS TO...

STANDING....let us share together in our OPENING PRAYER...

"Loving God, we praise You that you sent Jesus not to condemn, but to save us. As we worship today, our hearts and our imaginations, that we may abide in You and live in care toward the world You love in Jesus Christ.

Glory be to You, God - Father
Word of Truth, Spirit of Power. Amen.

SHARING OF CONGREGATIONAL CONCERNS...

Congregational concerns are given to you in the Sunday bulletin and I invite you to review those announcements on your own before you depart from the Church.

I'm grateful to your pastor for the invitation to share in this chapel communion service. I've been with you on one or two other occasions...Sunday worship some time back and also Good Friday reflectiona retired minister of the UM Church and a new resident a year ago to Portland, I served one of our Methodist churches in NYC for many years, summered in Ocean Park....became a friend of Lester and Irma Boobar who served this church back in the sixties and seventies, and had the joy of Bob, Patti and Daniel Boobar in my NYC congregation when they were young adults...

Join with me in the CALL TO CONFESSION....

Bulletin.....

Followed by the Prayer of Confession.

SILENT PRAYER.....

O Thou who hearest prayer, hear our prayers...for others as well as for ourselves. Touch with healing those whom we mention in our prayers this day..... their names and needs are known to you....beloved members and friends of this congregation. Comfort the bereaved & the broken-hearted among us and be especially close to.....who in recent days have lost a loved one. Heal each of us at the point of our deepest need.

WORDS OF ASSURANCE....see bulletin....

*BE NEAR TO THOSE FRIENDS & LOVED ONES
FROM WHOM WE ARE SEPARATED
BY GREAT DISTANCE BUT FROM WHOM
WE ARE NOT SEP. BY THE LOVE, CONCERN.*

GREETING

The week of toil has ended. Our day of rest is now at hand. May the rest and the quiet of this time of worship refresh our inner life and may it renew in each of us a deepened sense of God's holy and abiding Presence.

Let us begin this time of renewal with Biblical words of Promise....

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PLEASE JOIN WITH ME in the Call to Worship in your bulletin....

Leader: Look!

People: The heavens declare the glory of God, the earth
proclaims God's handiwork!

Leader: Listen!

People: Even the day pours forth speech, and the night declares
knowledge....their voice goes out through all the earth,
and their words to the end of the world.

Leader: Let us **join** all creation in the worship of God....
and standing, let us sing together our opening
hymn, No. 118...."The Care the Eagle Gives Her Young".
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ENDING....let us share together in our OPENING PRAYER...

"Loving God, we praise You that you sent Jesus not to condemn, but to save us. As we worship today, touch our hearts and our imaginations, that we may abide in You and live in care toward the world You love in Jesus Christ.

Glory be to You, God - Fountain of love,
Word of Truth, Spirit of Power. Amen.

HEARING OF CONGREGATIONAL CONCERNS...

Congregational concerns are given to you in the Sunday bulletin and I invite you to review those announcements on your own before you depart from the Church.

I'm grateful to your pastor for the invitation to share in this chapel communion service. I've been with you on one or two other occasions...Sunday worship some time back and also Good Friday reflectiona retired minister of the UM Church and a new resident a year ago to Portland, I served one of our Methodist churches in NYC for many years, summered in Ocean Park....became a friend of Lester and Irma Boobar who served this church back in the sixties and seventies, and had the joy of Bob, Patti and Daniel Boobar in my NYC congregation when they were young adults...

Join with me in the CALL TO CONFESSION....

Bulletin.....

Followed by the Prayer of Confession.

SILENT PRAYER.....

O Thou who hearest prayer, hear our prayers...for others as well as for ourselves. Touch with healing those whom we mention in our prayers this day..... their names and needs are known to you....beloved members and friends of this congregation. Comfort the bereaved & the broken-hearted among us and be especially close to.....who in recent days have lost a loved one. Heal each of us at the point of our deepest need.

WORDS OF ASSURANCE....see bulletin....

GREETING

The week of toil has ended. Our day of rest is now at hand. May the rest and the quiet of this time of worship refresh our inner life and may it renew in each of us a deepened sense of God's holy and abiding Presence.

Let us begin this time of renewal with Biblical words of Promise....

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"They that wait upon the Lord shall renew their strength, They shall mount up with wings as eagles. They shall run and not be weary. And they shall walk and not faint".

"I was glad when they said unto me, 'Let us go into the House of the Lord! Enter into his gates with thanksgiving, and into His courts with praise".

"Where two or three are gathered together in My name, saith the Lord Jesus, There am I in midst of them."

"God is a spirit. They that worship Him must worship Him in spirit and in truth".

PLEASE JOIN WITH ME in the Call to Worship in your bulletin....

Leader: Look!

People: The heavens declare the glory of God, the earth proclaims God's handiwork!

Leader: Listen!

People: Even the day pours forth speech, and the night declares knowledge....their voice goes out through all the earth, and their words to the end of the world.

Leader: Let us join all creation in the worship of God.... and standing, let us sing together our opening hymn, No. 118...."The Care the Eagle Gives Her Young". sung to a good Scots melody....

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