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CALL TO PRAYER

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PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

"I Will Trust in the Lord" African-American spiritual
Jon Calvin

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INVITATION

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PRAYER OF CONFESSION AND PARDON

God of every season,
we come to you in various states of mind and heart.
Some of us are frightened by events
that have made us feel unmoored.
Some of are struggling to stay afloat,
believing that if we try hard enough
we can save ourselves.
Some of us are exhausted by the effort,
and are ready to let go.
Help us to let go, gracious God,
trusting that when we do,
you will never let us go,
but will save us from all the storms of life.
Give us calm and peace,
that we may be beacons of your grace
in every stormy gale,
in Jesus' name.

All may offer silent prayers of confession.

Hear this promise from God through the prophet Isaiah:
Do not fear, for I have redeemed you;
When you pass through the waters,
I will be with you.
God has not abandoned us but is quick to save.
In the name of Jesus Christ, we all are forgiven.
Thanks be to God.

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them up to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

It is right, and a good and joyful thing,

always and everywhere to give thanks to you,
almighty God, creator of heaven and earth.

You brought all things into being and called them good.

From the dust of the earth you formed us into your image
and breathed into us the breath of life.

When we turned away, and our love failed, your love remained steadfast.

When rain fell upon the earth for forty days and forty nights,

you bore up the ark on the waters, saved Noah and his family,
and made covenant with every living creature on earth.

When you led your people to Mount Sinai for forty days and forty nights,
you gave us your commandments and made us your covenant people.

When your people forsook your covenant,

your prophet Elijah fasted for forty days and forty nights;
and on your holy mountain, he heard your still small voice.

And so, with your people on earth and all the company of heaven,
we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,

heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest.

Hosanna in the highest. Hosanna in the highest.

**Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the
highest. Hosanna in the highest. Hosanna in the highest.**

Holy are you, and blessed is your Son Jesus Christ.

When you gave him to save us from our sin,

your Spirit led him into the wilderness,

where he fasted forty days and forty nights to prepare for his ministry.

When he suffered and died on a cross for our sin, you raised him to life,

presented him alive to the apostles during forty days,

and exalted him at your right hand.

By the baptism of his suffering, death, and resurrection
you gave birth to your Church, delivered us from slavery to sin and death,
and made with us a new covenant by water and the Spirit.
Now, when we your people prepare for the yearly feast of Easter,
you lead us to repentance for sin and the cleansing of our hearts,
that during these forty days of Lent we may be gifted and graced
to reaffirm the covenant you made with us through Christ.

On the night in which he gave himself up for us, he took bread,
gave thanks to you, broke the bread, gave it to his disciples, and said:
"Take, eat; this is my body which is given for you.
Do this in remembrance of me."

When the supper was over he took the cup,
gave thanks to you, gave it to his disciples, and said:
"Drink from this, all of you; this is my blood of the new covenant,
poured out for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins.
Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me."

And so, in remembrance of these your mighty acts in Jesus Christ,
we offer ourselves in praise and thanksgiving,
as a holy and living sacrifice, in union with Christ's offering for us,
as we proclaim the mystery of faith.

**Christ has died; Christ is risen; Christ will come again.
Hosanna in the highest. Hosanna in the highest. Hosanna in the
highest.**

Pour out your Holy Spirit on us gathered here,
and on these gifts of bread and wine.
Make them be for us the body and blood of Christ,
that we may be for the world the body of Christ, redeemed by his blood.
By your Spirit make us one with Christ,
one with each other, and one in ministry to all the world,
until Christ comes in final victory, and we feast at his heavenly banquet.
Through your Son Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit in your holy Church,
all honor and glory is yours, almighty God, now and forever.

**Amen, Amen, Amen. Hosanna in the highest. Hosanna in the highest.
Hosanna in the highest.**

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.**

GIVING AND RECEIVING OF BREAD AND CUP

PRAYER AFTER RECEIVING

Rev. Mark Price

**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.**

BLESSING SONG

"May You Be Filled"
Sung by Annie & Jessica Mitchell

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**May you be filled with joyful loving-kindness.
May you be calm and at peace.
May you be safe, may happiness surprise you.
May you be awake and free.**

DISMISSAL

Rev. Mark Price

BLESSING SONG, reprise

**May we be filled with joyful loving-kindness.
May we be calm and at peace.
May we be safe, may happiness surprise us.
May we be awake and free.**

CLOSING MUSIC

"Stand By Me"
Jon Calvin

Tindley

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Prayer List March 7

New Prayer Concerns

The family and friends of Junius Dotson, UMC General Secretary of
Discipleship Ministries in his death
Elizabeth Bussey
Rose Dellarte, aunt of Adam Kelchner
Dian from Lakeshore
Jeni Dominelli
Reese Hudy
Beth and Jimmy Negley
Paul Stuckey, father of Eric Stuckey
Buddy Taibron and daughter Ava, great niece of Joe and Robin Kennedy and her dad
Emily Wilterdink

Recurring Prayer Concerns

ALL MILITARY DEPLOYED
Joanne Austin
Tim Barrett
Black Lives Matter
Caregivers and healthcare workers
Center for Living and Learning residents
Hugh Charlton
Cecilia Chieng
Children being detained and suffering at the US-Mexico border
People with coronavirus
Our country
Leanne and Kevin Craft
Linda Cross and the women of TPW
Micah and Brittany Davis and family
Michael and Tami D'Angelo
Mark Duncan
Stephanie Eargood and children
East End UMC, Braden Memorial and Dodson Chapel
Walter Fortenbury, former boss of Lee Ann Stiles
Jeremy Gottlieb
Tim and Kay Gregath
Greg Hagedwood
Alan Hall
Healing of divisiveness in our country
The Holt family
Kathy Holtz
Lillie Howard
All those incarcerated and fearful of COVID
Rosemary Jarvis
Susan Kotch, cousin of Don Noble

Prayer List March 7

Betty Latture
Susan Forrest Levy
Phyllis Luttrell
Rev. Bill Miller in the death of his wife Sue
Brittany, Jesse and Baby Penelope Pappas
Shawn Parker, brother-in-law of Trish Kaberle
Pastors serving congregations
Judson Randolph
Jeff Ridings
Riverbend Prison and CUMC ministry
Senior adults who are isolated
John Shields
Barbara Smith
Melissa Stillings
Students, teachers and families
Texas residents who have been without power and/or water during the ice storm
Betty Thomson
Steve White
John Wigant
David Williford
Karen Yarbrough