

# EVENING PRAISE & PRAYER

with the People of Franklin United Methodist Church

## Proclamation of the Light

*You are encouraged to light an unadorned candle as the following words are spoken. If you are so inclined, you may also burn incense during this service. Since the fourth century of the early church, the burning of incense has served as a devotional sign of prayer (based on Psalm 141).*

As the day ends, we welcome the light.

*Light your candle.*

Come to us, Lord, receive our thanks and hear our prayers.

## The Doxology

adapted from No. 95, *The United Methodist Hymnal* (1989)

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;  
praise God, all creatures here below;  
praise God above, you heavenly host;  
praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

## Psalm 8

*Common English Bible*

LORD, our Lord, how majestic  
is your name throughout the earth!  
You made your glory higher than heaven!  
<sup>2</sup> From the mouths of nursing babies  
you have laid a strong foundation  
because of your foes,  
in order to stop vengeful enemies.  
<sup>3</sup> When I look up at your skies,  
at what your fingers made—  
the moon and the stars  
that you set firmly in place—  
<sup>4</sup> what are human beings  
that you think about them;  
what are human beings  
that you pay attention to them?  
<sup>5</sup> You've made them only slightly less than  
divine,  
crowning them with glory and grandeur.

<sup>6</sup> You've let them rule over your handiwork,  
putting everything under their feet—  
<sup>7</sup> all sheep and all cattle,  
the wild animals too,  
<sup>8</sup> the birds in the sky,  
the fish of the ocean,  
everything that travels the pathways of  
the sea.

<sup>9</sup> LORD, our Lord, how majestic is your name  
throughout the earth!

## Giving Thanks

### Prayers of the People

*You are encouraged to offer your voice to this time of prayer. After each petition, you may add your specific prayers of thanks and intercession. After each prayer, the pray-er should end with "Amen."*

Together let us...

pray for our world.

pray for our community and  
neighborhoods.

pray for our friends and family.

pray for ourselves.

### The Lord's Prayer

No. 895, *The United Methodist Hymnal* (1989)

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.

## Checking-in

### 'Til We Meet Again

No. 672 (v.3), *The United Methodist Hymnal* (1989)

God be with you till we meet a-gain;  
when life's per-ils thick con-found you,  
put his arms un-fail-ing round you;  
God be with you till we meet a-gain.

Till we meet, till we meet,  
till we meet at Je-sus' feet;  
till we meet, till we meet,  
God be with you till we meet again.

