# RAISE **PRAYER**

#### gather Welcome

Call to Praise & Prayer

VOICE 1: O Lord, open our lips. VOICE 2: And we shall declare your praise.

# praise

#### 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 138:1-12, 23-24

Common English Bible

LORD, you have examined me.

You know me.

- <sup>2</sup> You know when I sit down and when I stand up. Even from far away, you comprehend my plans.
- <sup>3</sup> You study my traveling and resting. You are thoroughly familiar with all my ways.
- <sup>4</sup> There isn't a word on my tongue, LORD, that you don't already know completely.
- <sup>5</sup>You surround me—front and back. You put your hand on me.

<sup>6</sup>That kind of knowledge is too much for me; it's so high above me that I can't reach it.

<sup>7</sup>Where could I go to get away from your spirit? Where could I go to escape your presence?

<sup>8</sup> If I went up to heaven, you would be there.

If I went down to the grave, you would be there too!

<sup>9</sup> If I could fly on the wings of dawn,

stopping to rest only on the far side of the ocean-

even there your hand would guide me;

even there your strong hand would hold me tight!

<sup>11</sup>If I said, "The darkness will definitely hide me; the light will become night around me,"

12 even then the darkness isn't too dark for you! Nighttime would shine bright as day, because darkness is the same as light to you! <sup>23</sup> Examine me, God! Look at my heart! Put me to the test! Know my anxious thoughts!

<sup>24</sup> Look to see if there is any idolatrous way in me, then lead me on the eternal path!

### pray **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 pravers 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)

## bless

#### Prayer List



According to Matthew, Jesus is the long awaited Messiah, the one who would usher in God's kingdom on earth. Join Franklin United Methodist Church as we read Matthew's gospel. Over the next 40-plus days, use the reading guide below to follow the story, according to Matthew, of Jesus' life, ministry, death, and resurrection.

| Feb. 26 | 1:1-25     | <b>Mar.</b> 21 | 13:1-23  |
|---------|------------|----------------|----------|
| 27      | 2:1-23     | 22             | 13:24-43 |
| 28      | 3:1-12     | 23             | 13:44-58 |
| 29      | 3:13-17    | 24             | 14:1-21  |
| Mar. 1  | 4:1-11     | 25             | 14:22-36 |
| 2       | 4:12-25    | 26             | 15:1-39  |
| 3       | 5:1-16     | 27             | 16:1-28  |
| 4       | 5:17-48    | 28             | 17:1-27  |
| 5       | 6:1-21     | 29             | 18:1-14  |
| 6       | 6:22-34    | 30             | 18:15-35 |
| 7       | 7:1-20     | 31             | 19:1-12  |
| 8       | 7:21-29    | Apr. 1         | 19:13-30 |
| 9       | 8:1-17     | 2              | 20:1-16  |
| 10      | 8:18-34    | 3              | 20:17-28 |
| 11      | 9:1-17     | 4              | 20:29-34 |
| 12      | 9:18-38    | 5              | 21:1-46  |
| 13      | 10:1-15    | 6              | 22:1-46  |
| 14      | 10:16-33   | 7              | 23:1-39  |
| 15      | 10:34-11:1 | 8              | 24:1-51  |
| 16      | 11:2-15    | 9              | 25:1-46  |
| 17      | 11:16-30   | 10             | 26:1-75  |
| 18      | 12:1-13    | 11             | 27:1-66  |
| 19      | 12:14-37   | 12             | 28:1-15  |
| 20      | 12:38-50   |                |          |

#### NOTES, THOUGHTS & QUESTIONS