

# SUNDAY PRAISE & PRAYER

April 5, 2020

## Call to Praise & Prayer

O Lord, open our lips.  
And we shall declare your 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.

## Prayer of Thanksgiving

*You are encouraged to light an unadorned candle as the following words are spoken.*

New every morning is your love, great God of light, and all day long you are working for good in the world. Stir up in us desire to serve you, to live peacefully with our neighbors, and to devote each day to your Son, our Savior, Jesus Christ the Lord. Amen.

## Psalm 118:1-2, 19-29

*Common English Bible*

Give thanks to the LORD because he is good,  
because his faithful love lasts forever.

<sup>2</sup> Let Israel say it:

“God’s faithful love lasts forever!”

<sup>19</sup> Open the gates of righteousness for me  
so I can come in and give thanks to the LORD!

<sup>20</sup> This is the LORD’s gate;  
those who are righteous enter through it.

<sup>21</sup> I thank you because you answered me,  
because you were my saving help.

<sup>22</sup> The stone rejected by the builders  
is now the main foundation stone!

<sup>23</sup> This has happened because of the LORD;  
it is astounding in our sight!

<sup>24</sup> This is the day the LORD acted;  
we will rejoice and celebrate in it!

<sup>25</sup> LORD, please save us!

LORD, please let us succeed!

<sup>26</sup> The one who enters in the LORD’s name is  
blessed;

we bless all of you from the LORD’s house.

<sup>27</sup> The LORD is God!

He has shined a light on us!

So lead the festival offering with ropes  
all the way to the horns of the altar.

<sup>28</sup> You are my God—I will give thanks to you!  
You are my God—I will lift you up high!  
<sup>29</sup> Give thanks to the LORD because he is good,  
because his faithful love lasts forever.

## 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.

## Conclusion

May Christ the Savior give us peace. **Amen.**

