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PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION (by dwh)

Gracious God, in wisdom you created all things, and
your Son promised that your Spirit would guide us still.
Through these words of scripture today, show us what is true;
guide us for living, that we may bring honor & praise to you.
Amen

SCRIPTURE: Genesis 18:1-10a
Colossians 1:15-28
Luke 10:38-42

CONFESSION *Stephanie Sorge at Presbyterian Outlook*
Holy God, we are pulled in many different directions.
We are distracted by the news, ...
We are distracted by our fears, ...
We are distracted by our tasks, ...
by calendars that shape our priorities,
leaving us with less time and energy for what is most important.
We confess our distraction, even as we acknowledge that
sometimes we embrace it because
it's easier than sitting at Jesus's feet,
learning what it means to follow him.
We confess that distraction is easier than discipleship.
Forgive us.
Help us discern and choose the better path
as we seek to follow Christ, in whose name we pray. Amen.
{silent prayers}

ASSURANCE *FotW (alt)*
This is the good news: Already we are God's beloved children,
reconciled, and made holy and blameless, through Jesus Christ.
In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven;
Thanks be to God! Amen

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In Christ we are invited and inspired to lives of grateful generosity.
Let us praise the giver of all good gifts through our offering today.

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PRAYER *x FotW (alt)*

God, we give today in gratitude and with the assurance that
anything we give will contribute to
the continuing growth of your kingdom in the world.
Give us wisdom as a church,
so that this offering is used for the sharing of your word
and the service of your people.
In the name of the One who made us, redeemed us, and
who has given us everything we are and have. Amen.

HYMN: Victory in Jesus 370

DISMISSAL WITH BLESSING *FotW*

Go in peace.
The God of reconciliation bless you,
the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ keep you,
and the power of the Holy Spirit strengthen you
this day and forevermore.

Amen

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This week the author is Stephanie Sorge
or other sources as noted.

Reflecting on and Praying with Scriptures

As suggested by the Revised Common Lectionary

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Scriptures

Semicontinuous	Amos 8:1-12	& Psalm 52
or Complementary	Genesis 18:1-10a	& Psalm 15
Both	Colossians 1:15-28	& Luke 10:38-42

Questions for Reflection:

How do you balance studying the Word and fostering a relationship with God while also serving others?

Morning Prayer:

God, we have too many things to do today!
Help us to see you in everything we do, in everything we say.
Help us to take a deep breath and to remember that
the Holy Spirit is inside us, with us, around us.
Help us to pause and drink a glass of water,
and to remember our baptism,
and the covenant you have established,
making us your children.
Help us to study your Word, and not to think just of the past,
but also of how you act in the present.
And help us to work for and with our brothers and sisters,
giving kindness, sharing hope,
and living out the faith you have given us. Amen.

Evening Prayer:

Today, O Lord, we have sat at your feet.
and listened to your words.
We have been empowered by your teachings.
What should we do with all this life that you have provided?
We will go out into the world, after a restful night,
and serve, and smile, and love,
and work, and play, and forgive,
and shout out, and sing, . . .
doing everything in your name! Amen.



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