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WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

CALL TO WORSHIP from Psalm 65

OPENING PRAYER

HYMN: We Believe in One True God 85

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 and praise to you.
Amen

SCRIPTURE: 1 Corinthians 12:12-27

CONFESSION Luke 16; Ps. 79:9 via FotW

Gracious God, you know our sin:
We have squandered the gifts you have given us.
We have failed to forgive our debtors as you have forgiven us.
We have been unfaithful and dishonest
in small things and great things alike.
We are shrewd in seeking wealth & foolish in following your way.
Forgive our sins, O Lord, for your name's sake.
Make us faithful stewards of the grace you have given
and generous in forgiving others;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

<silent prayers>

ASSURANCE

In 1 Timothy 2 we read... "there is one God;
there is also one mediator between God and humankind,
Christ Jesus, himself human, who gave himself a ransom for all"
In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven;
Thanks be to God! Amen

HYMN: Let There Be Peace On Earth 431

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HYMN: I Want a Principle Within 410

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

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BRINGING OUR GIFTS

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.

DOXOLOGY 95

PRAYER by Rev. Dr. Brian Smith viaumcreationjustice.org

Triune God, whose life is shared in perfect unity,
you created all things to be part of one living whole.
Help us see ourselves not as separate from creation
but woven into its web of life.
May our offerings reflect our deep connection
to all your creatures.
Bless us and our gifts so that we may nourish both human
and more-than-human communities;
in Christ's name we pray. Amen.

HYMN: For the Healing of the Nations 428

DISMISSAL WITH BLESSING by Rev. Paul Mitchell via umcreationjustice.org

To give is to love. To love is to live.
To live is to grow. To grow is to flourish.
May we who follow Jesus
enter into Communion with God's self-giving love.
May we sing the life and love of Christ in the world
this day and beyond.

Amen

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Reflecting on and Praying with Scriptures

As suggested by the Revised Common Lectionary

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Scriptures

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Jeremiah 8:18–9:1

Amos 8:4–7

1 Timothy 2:1–7

Psalm 79:1–9

Psalm 113

Luke 16:1–13

Questions for Reflection:

How do we, individually and corporately, embody both lament for the world and the hope that is in Christ?

First Timothy 2:1–7 includes some important instructions on prayer:

In particular, the writer encourages us to pray for “kings and all who are in high positions” (2:2).

In your own practice of prayer, how do you remember leaders and others in positions of authority in your nation or community?

What kind of prayers do you think they need?

Morning Prayers:

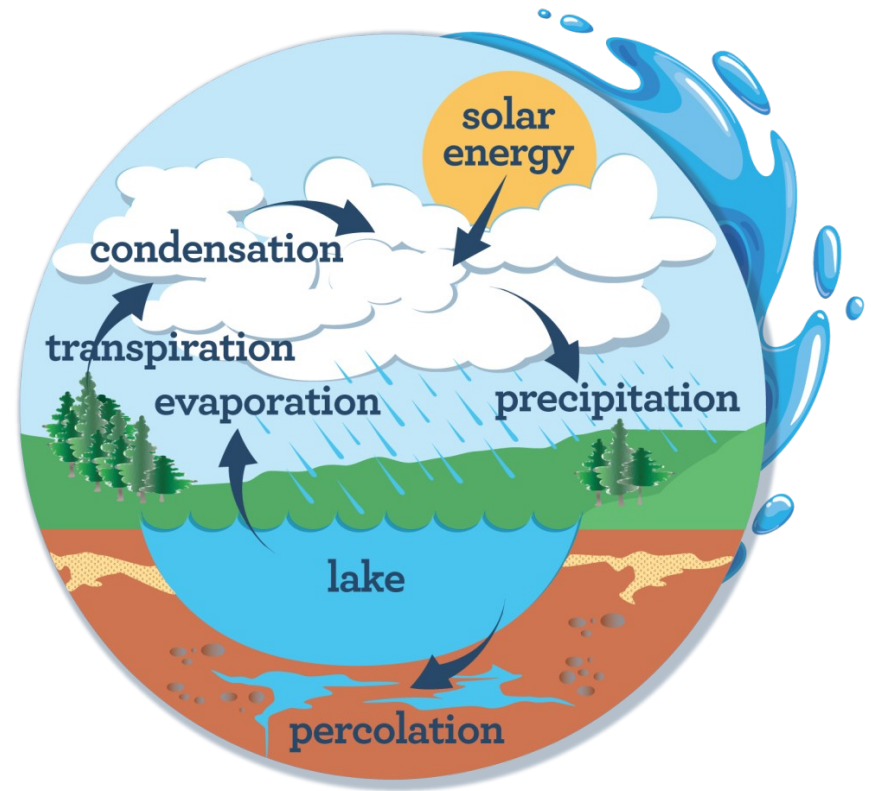
In this moment of stillness before I dress in the claims of the day,
let me stand bare before you with questions unanswered. . . .

Fill the silence with your nearness,
that I may hear you speak your word and live this day for you. Amen.

We praise and worship you, O God.

From the heights of the heavens
you look down upon the earth
to lift up the poor and needy.

Help us to glorify your name this day,
from the rising of the sun to its setting;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.



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