

O Thou! The Breathing Life of all, Creator of the Shimmering Sound that touches us. Help us breathe one holy breath feeling only you-this creates a shrine inside, in wholeness. Desire with and through us the rule of universal fruitfulness onto the earth. Create in me a divine cooperation-from many selves, one voice, one action. Grant what we need each day in bread and insight; substance for the call of growing life. Erase the inner marks our failures make, just as we scrub our hearts of others' faults. Deceived neither by the outer nor the inner-free us to walk your path with joy. From you is born all ruling will, the power and life to do, the song that beautifies all-from age to age it renews. Amen

OFFERINGS:

*DOXOLOGY Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow #95

GOING FORTH

The People of God go out to be a blessing to others and to share God's blessings with the world.

*HYMN: For the Healing of the Nations #428

*BENEDICTION

*BENEDICTION SONG: "A Celtic Blessing"

*POSTLUDE:

ⁱ Pastor Ann's opening meditation is based on a prayer by Miriam Therese Winter, *United Methodist Book of Worship*, 472. Psalm 113 is the New Revised Standard Version. Musical Response is part of the worship series, Bless To Me, Summer Ordinary Time Season Series, ©www.worshipdesignstudio.com, used with permission. The Four poems is likewise from the Bless to Me series.

ⁱⁱ "You Walk Beside Us" from *Christ Beside Me, Christ Within Me* by Beth A Richardson (Upper Room Books, 2016).

ⁱⁱⁱ Litany by Rev. Glenna Shepherd is based upon sermon for All Saint's Day by Nadia Bolz Weber.

^{iv} from *Prayers of the Cosmos* by Neil Douglas-Klotz as found at <https://medium.com/change-your-mind/the-mystical-poetry-of-the-lords-prayer-in-its-original-aramaic-34b6a37ec56>.

^v United Methodist Book of Worship, p. 495.

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GATHERING

We gather in the presence of each other to seek the presence of God.

PRELUDE:

GATHERING AND GREETING

CENTERING: ⁱ Psalm 103 response *Carmina Gadelica*, III, 53

**God to enfold me, God to surround me,
God in my speaking, (God ever near).
God in my thinking. God in my sleeping,
God in my waking, (God ever near).**

**God in my watching, God in my hoping.
God in my life (and) God in my lips,
God in my soul and in my sufficing,
God in my slumber, (God ever near).**

*CALL TO WORSHIP: ⁱⁱ

Liturgist: We are lonely,
We are aching
We are grieving,
People: You walk beside us.

Liturgist: We are hurting,
We are searching,
We are afraid;
People: You walk beside us.

Liturgist: We are hungry,
We are homeless,
We are destitute,
People: You walk beside us.

Liturgist: On all paths,
Through all days,
For all souls,
People: You walk beside us.

(*Please rise in spirit or in body.)

*HYMN: Christ Be With Us (insert)

*OPENING PRAYER

BLESSINGS PROCLAIMED

We proclaim the blessing that is the Gospel.

CONTEMPORARY WISDOM: *Modern Beatitudes* ⁱⁱⁱ

SPECIAL MUSIC: 10,000 Reasons

SCRIPTURE: Matthew 5:1-12

MESSAGE: Heart Prayers: Blessings the World Rev. Ann Lyter

GRATITUDE FOR OUR BLESSINGS

God's people respond to God's blessings with gratitude, praise and offerings

PRAYER TIME

PRAYER SONG: Bless To Me

BLESS TO US: Litany for the Church and for the World ^{iv}

Pastor: Lord, in your mercy,

Response: hear our prayer

SILENT PRAYER

Announcements

Wiggle Wednesdays: The idea is we gather at the church on Wednesdays at 10 am in Burgess Hall. We will have easy and fun things to do, like yoga or chair yoga, walking, or simple stretches. We will keep it simple enough for beginners with modifications for those who want to take it a step up or take a step back. We will try different things until we find something we want to focus on. When the weather suits, we may meet outside. Wear comfortable, supportive shoes, comfortable clothes you can move in. Please bring a water bottle, preferably a refillable one. Masks will be required.



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Book Study: It's not too late to explore blessing prayers and Celtic Christianity in our study designed to compliment and expand on our worship series, "Bless to Me." We will use Beth Richardson's book, along with other poetry, Celtic music, and ancient spiritual practices to learn how to bring God's presence into our daily lives. We will meet in Bowe after Sunday morning worship. Richardson's book will be available to purchase or to borrow, or you can purchase your own copy through Amazon or another bookseller.

Pastor's Lunch: Come out and join your friends and fellow church members for a lunch and conversation on July 13. We will gather at noon for a delicious picnic with hamburgers, hot dogs, chips, salads, dessert and fellowship. To reserve your spot go to www.bookapew.com/app/az/sumc or contact the church office. Space is limited to sign up early!

Mission and Outreach: It's hard to believe but it's time to collect school supplies. Watch for sales and gather supplies to help families and children prepare for the coming school year. We will be collecting for our Sidewalk Sunday school kids as well as families in Scottsdale who are in need. More details to come.

Christ Be With Us

1. Christ be with us, Christ behind us,
Christ before us — all around!
Christ in busy, noisy cities,
Christ where hardly rings a sound.
Jesus, you're our Lord and Savior;
On your love we can depend.
Help us see your presence clearly
In each stranger and each friend.
2. Christ in lines of people fleeing,
Praying that a war will cease;
Christ in battered women's shelters,
Looking for a place of peace.
Christ with people sick or dying,
Loved ones trying hard to cope
In this world of so much suffering,
Christ, you give your people hope.
3. Christ with children who must struggle,
Working hard for daily food;
Christ in classrooms, learning, growing,
Asking questions, seeking good;
Christ in diners, waiting tables;
Christ in homes where children play
In this world of people working,
Christ, you work through us today.
4. Christ with all who keep on struggling,
Helping others to be free;
Christ with churches working, searching
For a greater unity;
Christ, in bread and wine, be with us,
Giving strength for each new day
In this world of daily crosses,
Be our joyful, living Way.