

## Worship Midweek

### CALL TO WORSHIP

O Lord, open our lips  
**and our mouth shall proclaim your praise.**

O God, make speed to save us,  
**O Lord, make haste to help us**

**This is the day the Lord has made,  
Let us rejoice and be glad in it.**

We come together to worship-  
the God of creation, of salvation,  
of time and eternity.  
The God of all peoples, of all nations,  
of all conditions of people everywhere.

**Praise the Lord.**

**All that is within me,  
praise God's holy name.**

Praise the Lord and remember all his kindness:  
in forgiving our sins;  
in saving us from destruction;  
in surrounding us with love.

**The Lord is full of mercy and compassion.**

**The Lord is slow to anger  
and willing to give us gifts of love.**

**Praise the Lord!**

**Oh, praise the Lord, all that is within me.**

*Roy Umble, Goshen, Ind. Based on Psalms 118.24; 103*

### A Prayer of Thanksgiving

Bountiful God, we praise you for all the blessings of this life  
and in particular for your gift of music.  
We give you thanks for the wonders of human imagination and creativity  
that can inspire and lift the soul when life is difficult;  
and we give you thanks for the musical beauty and skill  
of those who can raise our hearts to the very gates of heaven.  
Grant us the discernment to value these gifts  
and to nurture them in humility,  
knowing that you alone are Lord.  
For Jesus Christ's sake,  
Amen.

### THE WORD OF GOD

*PSALM 23*

**1** The Lord is my shepherd; I shall not want.

**2** He makes me to lie down in green pastures; He leads me beside the still waters.

**3** He restores my soul; He leads me in the paths of righteousness For His name's sake.

**4** **Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil; For You are with me; Your rod and Your staff, they comfort me**

**5** You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies; You anoint my head with oil; My cup runs over

**6** **Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me All the days of my life; And I will dwell in the house of the Lord Forever.**

**7** Glory to the Father, and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit

**8** **As it was in the beginning, is now and shall be for ever. Amen.**

### THE MAGNIFICAT

My soul proclaims the greatness of the Lord,  
my spirit rejoices in God my Saviour:

he has looked with favour on his lowly servant.

From this day all generations will call me blessed;  
The Almighty has done great things for me  
and holy is his name.

He has mercy on those who fear him  
From generation to generation.

He has shown strength with his arm  
and has scattered the proud in their conceit.

Casting down the mighty from their thrones  
and lifting up the lowly.

He has filled the hungry with good things  
and sent the rich away empty.

He has come to the aid of his servant Israel  
to remember his promise of mercy.

The promise he made to our ancestors,  
to Abraham and his children for ever.  
**Glory be to the Father and to the Son  
and to the Holy Spirit:  
as it was in the beginning is now  
and shall be for ever. Amen.**

*A READING FROM SCRIPTURE*  
*1 Samuel 16. 14-23*

*A SHORT ADDRESS AND / OR A DEVOTIONAL READING*

**Almighty God,  
we thank you for the gift of your holy word.  
May it be a lantern to our feet,  
A light upon our paths,  
And a strength to our lives.  
Take us and use us  
to love and serve all people  
in the power of the Holy Spirit  
and in the name of your Son,  
Jesus Christ our Lord.  
Amen.**

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION  
**Amen**

THE LORD'S PRAYER  
**Our Father, who art in heaven,  
hallowed by 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,  
The power and the glory  
for ever and ever.  
Amen.**

A PRAYER OF GENERAL THANKSGIVING

Almighty God, Father of all mercies, we your unworthy servants give you humble thanks for all your goodness and loving-kindness to us and to all whom you have made. We bless you for our creation, preservation, and all the blessings of this life; but above all for your immeasurable love in the redemption of the world by our Lord Jesus Christ; for the means of grace, and for the hope of glory. And, we pray, give us such an awareness of your mercies, that with truly thankful hearts we may show forth your praise, not only with our lips, but in our lives, by giving up ourselves to your service, and by walking before you in holiness and righteousness all our days; through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, be honour and glory throughout all ages. **Amen**

#### THE BLESSING

May the Lord bless us and preserve us from all evil,  
and keep us in eternal life.

**Amen**

Let us bless the Lord

**Thanks be to God**

**The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God,  
and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit,  
be with us all evermore.**

**Amen**

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