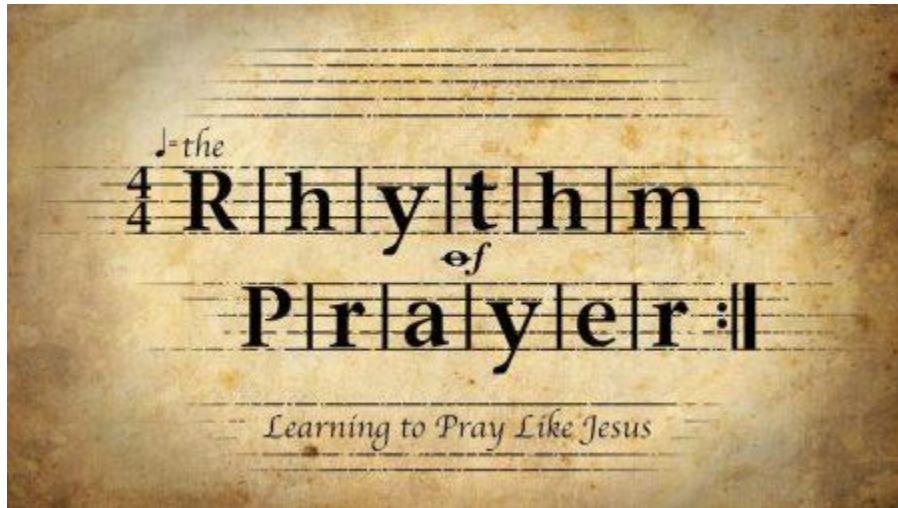


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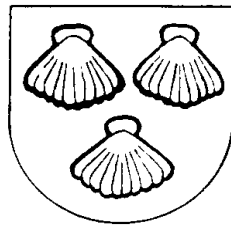


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“Rhythms of Prayer”

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WE GATHER

Prelude

"We Praise You, O God - Prayer of Thanksgiving (Kremser)" Dale Wood

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Welcome

Rev. Dr. Sarah Dorrance

Introit

"Lord, Listen to Your Children Praying" (sing 3 times)

TFWS 2193

Lord listen to Your children praying
Lord send Your Spirit in this place
Lord listen to Your children praying
Send us love send us power send us grace

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Call to Worship

Nancy Janson

ONE: We gather as God's people.

God has given us faith and hope.

God's message of love is with us.

We are growing in the knowledge of God.

God calls us out of darkness and into the light.

We give thanks with joy to our God!

Opening Prayer

Nancy Janson

Holy One, we gather as your people, giving thanks that we can be together to hear your word, offer our prayers, and sing your praises.

Draw us together in your love, that we may know you more deeply.

Open our hearts to a deeper understanding of your will, and work within our lives, that we may produce the fruit of compassion. Amen.

Passing the Peace

The Peace of Christ be with you! **And also with you!**

Opening Hymn

"We Gather Together"

UMH 131

1. We gather together
To ask the Lord's blessing
He chastens and hastens
His will to make known
The wicked oppressing
Now cease from distressing
Sing praises to His name
He forgets not His own

2. Beside us to guide us
Our God with us joining
Ordaining maintaining
His kingdom divine
So from the beginning
The fight we were winning
Thou Lord wast at our side
All glory be Thine

3. We all do extol Thee
Thou Leader triumphant
And pray that Thou still
Our Defender wilt be
Let Thy congregation
Escape tribulation
Thy name be ever praised
O Lord make us free

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Scripture

Acts 12:1-18 (CEB)

Nancy Janson

About that time King Herod began to harass some who belonged to the church. ² He had James, John’s brother, killed with a sword. ³ When he saw that this pleased the Jews, he arrested Peter as well. This happened during the Festival of Unleavened Bread. ⁴ He put Peter in prison, handing him over to four squads of soldiers, sixteen in all, who guarded him. He planned to charge him publicly after the Passover. ⁵ While Peter was held in prison, the church offered earnest prayer to God for him.

⁶ The night before Herod was going to bring Peter’s case forward, Peter was asleep between two soldiers and bound with two chains, with soldiers guarding the prison entrance. ⁷ Suddenly an angel from the Lord appeared and a light shone in the prison cell. After nudging Peter on his side to awaken him, the angel raised him up and said, “Quick! Get up!” The chains fell from his wrists. ⁸ The angel continued, “Get dressed. Put on your sandals.” Peter did as he was told. The angel said, “Put on your coat and follow me.” ⁹ Following the angel, Peter left the prison. However, he didn’t realize the angel had actually done all this. He thought he was seeing a vision. ¹⁰ They passed the first and second guards and came to the iron gate leading to the city. It opened for them by itself. After leaving the prison, they proceeded the length of one street, when abruptly the angel was gone.

¹¹ At that, Peter came to his senses and remarked, “Now I’m certain that the Lord sent his angel and rescued me from Herod and from everything the Jewish people expected.” ¹² Realizing this, he made his way to Mary’s house. (Mary was John’s mother; he was also known as Mark.) Many believers had gathered there and were praying. ¹³ When Peter knocked at the outer gate, a female servant named Rhoda went to answer. ¹⁴ She was so overcome with joy when she recognized Peter’s voice that she didn’t open the gate. Instead, she ran back in and announced that Peter was standing at the gate.

¹⁵ “You’ve lost your mind!” they responded. She stuck by her story with such determination that they began to say, “It must be his guardian angel.” ¹⁶ Meanwhile, Peter remained outside, knocking at the gate. They finally opened the gate and saw him there, and they were astounded.

¹⁷ He gestured with his hand to quiet them down, then recounted how the Lord led him out of prison. He said, “Tell this to James and the brothers and sisters.” Then he left for another place.

¹⁸ The next morning the soldiers were flustered about what had happened to Peter.

Verse 1

I am Thine O Lord I have heard Thy voice
 And it told Thy love to me
 But I long to rise in the arms of faith
 And be closer drawn to Thee

Verse 2

Consecrate me now to Thy service Lord
 By the power of grace divine
 Let my soul look up with a steadfast hope
 And my will be lost in Thine

Chorus**Chorus**

Draw me nearer nearer blessed Lord
 To the cross where Thou hast died
 Draw me nearer nearer nearer blessed Lord
 To Thy precious bleeding side

Verse 3

Oh the pure delight of a single hour
 That before Thy throne I spend
 When I kneel in prayer and with Thee my God
 I commune as friend with friend

Chorus**Verse 4**

There are depths of love that I cannot know
 Till I cross the narrow sea
 There are heights of joy that I may not reach
 Till I rest in peace with Thee

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Message

"Rhythms of Prayer"

Rev. Dr. Sarah Dorrance**Prayers for God's People, the Church and the World**

Share your prayer requests at pastor.saintjames@verizon.net or stjamessec@verizon.net or write requests on prayer slips provided and place in the Giving Box.

Sung Response: Lord, listen to your children praying.

"Lord, Listen to Your Children Praying" (sing 1 time)

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Offering Prayer

Holy Communion

Closing Hymn

“Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing”

UMH 400

Verse 1

Come Thou fount of every blessing
Tune my heart to sing Thy grace
Streams of mercy never ceasing
Call for songs of loudest praise
Teach me some melodious sonnet
Sung by flaming tongues above
Praise the mount I'm fixed upon it
Mount of Thy redeeming love

Verse 2

Here I raise my Ebenezer
Hither by Thy help I'm come
And I hope by Thy good pleasure
Safely to arrive at home
Jesus sought me when a stranger
Wandering from the fold of God
He to rescue me from danger
Interposed His precious blood

Verse 3

O to grace how great a debtor
Daily I'm constrained to be
Let Thy goodness like a fetter
Bind my wand'ring heart to Thee
Prone to wander Lord I feel it
Prone to leave the God I love
Here's my heart O take and seal it
Seal it for Thy courts above

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Benediction

Postlude

“Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing (Nettleton)” arr. by John Carter

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Questions for Reflection

*God heals and commands us to go out into the world and heal others.
How are you a healing person? What situations around you are in need of healing?
How can the church be an agent of healing?*

Household Prayer: Morning

*On this new day, Lord, make me watchful for all that you are doing in the world;
keep me faithful, that I may do your will in all things;
and hold me in your grace, as I seek to do the same for all I meet.. Amen.*

Household Prayer: Evening

*Here at the end of the day, O Lord, help me to entrust my cares to you.
Grant me grace for my failings and rest for my weary soul, that I may be strengthened
to do your will and share your love when a new day dawns. Amen.*

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