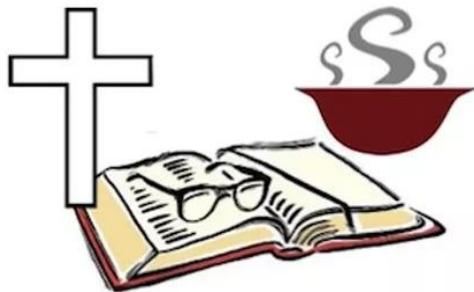


Granite Presbyterian Church

Wednesday, March 3, 2021



Virtual Lent
Soup & Scripture



OPENING PRAYER



2021 LENT SOUP & SCRIPTURE STUDY

Five Wednesdays in Lent:

FEBRUARY 24	Week One:	MEDITATING
MARCH 3	Week Two:	PRAYING
MARCH 10	Week Three:	LOVING
MARCH 17	Week Four:	THANKING
MARCH 24	Week Five:	LIVING

The inspiration for the five subjects is from the Lenten devotional [Living Into Lent](#) by Donald K. McKim (Louisville: Westminster John Knox Press, 2020); however, the content of the five study sessions does not come from McKim's book.

PRAYER: SCRIPTURE & REFLECTIONS

“Hear, O Lord, when I cry aloud, be gracious to me and answer me.”

Psalm 27: 7

“The purpose of the prayer of petition is not to have our own way but to bring our will into conformity with the will of God.”

Donald G. Bloesch



PRAYER: SCRIPTURE & REFLECTIONS (cont'd)

“Rejoice always, pray without ceasing.”

I Thessalonians 5:17

“Pray without ceasing in this sense. Pray without a break between your prayer and your life. Pray so that there is a real continuity between your prayer and your whole actual life.”

P. T. Forsyth



PRAYER: SCRIPTURE & REFLECTIONS (cont'd)

“Could you not stay awake with me one hour? Stay awake and pray.”

Matthew 26: 40, 41

“What else is Christian spirituality except watching and praying, watching prayerfully and praying watchfully?”

Jurgen Moltmann



PRAYER: SCRIPTURE & REFLECTIONS (cont'd)

“We, for our part, will devote ourselves to prayer and to serving the word.” Acts 6: 4

“The practice of Christian prayer, however, cannot be separated from service and work for God’s reign. Praying is always to be accompanied by working. Christians do not pray rather than work, or work rather than pray. The practice of Christian hope requires both. Prayer inspires service, and service always begins and ends in prayer.” Daniel L. Migliore



PRAYER: SCRIPTURE & REFLECTIONS (cont'd)

“Trust in him at all times, O people; pour out your heart before him; God is a refuge for us.” Psalm 62: 8

“We pray for particular people and situations in order to place ourselves in God’s hand, and live out these ways in our own lives. In interceding for others, we place ourselves attentively in the presence of God so that God might use us for the transformation of the world.”

Martha Moore-Keish



PRAYER: SCRIPTURE & REFLECTIONS (cont'd)

“I urge that supplications, prayers, intercessions, and thanksgivings be made for everyone.”

I Timothy 2: 1

“No one can feel hatred towards those for whom he prays.”

John Chrysostom



PRAYER: SCRIPTURE & REFLECTIONS (cont'd)

“And will not God grant justice to his chosen ones who cry to him day and night? . . . I tell you, he will quickly grant justice to them.”

Luke 18: 7, 8

“Praying and crying to God against injustices describes the whole life of the believers: their efforts, their protests against injustice. It describes also their trust in God, for they know that God acts very differently than the unjust judge.”

Luise Schottroff

PRAYER TYPES

Type:

In simpler terms:

Invocation

COME!

Confession

SORRY!

Thanksgiving

THANKS!

Intercession

HELP!



PRAYERS OF INVOCATION

Invoking – calling and/or inviting the Lord to be present as one prays or in one's life:

“Come, Holy Spirit, Come.”

“Come, Lord Jesus, Come.”

“Our Father...”

There are many psalms of invocation. Psalm 95 is often used in liturgies.



PSALM 95

A Call to Worship and Obedience

O come, let us sing to the LORD;
let us make a joyful noise to the rock of our
salvation!

Let us come into his presence with thanksgiving;
let us make a joyful noise to him with songs of
praise!

For the LORD is a great God,
and a great King above all gods.

In his hand are the depths of the earth;
the heights of the mountains are his also.

The sea is his, for he made it,
and the dry land, which his hands have formed.

O come, let us worship and bow down,
let us kneel before the LORD, our Maker!

For he is our God,
and we are the people of his pasture,
and the sheep of his hand.

O that today you would listen to his voice!
Do not harden your hearts, as at Meribah,
as on the day at Massah in the wilderness,
when your ancestors tested me,
and put me to the proof, though they had seen my
work.

For forty years I loathed that generation
and said, 'They are a people whose hearts go astray,
and they do not regard my ways.'

Therefore in my anger I swore,
'They shall not enter my rest.'

PRAYERS OF CONFESSION

Most familiar is Psalm 51



PSALM 51

Prayer for Cleansing and Pardon

To the leader. A Psalm of David, when the prophet Nathan came to him, after he had gone in to Bathsheba.

Have mercy on me, O God,
according to your steadfast love;
according to your abundant mercy
blot out my transgressions.

Wash me thoroughly from my iniquity,
and cleanse me from my sin.

For I know my transgressions,
and my sin is ever before me.
Against you, you alone, have I sinned,
and done what is evil in your sight,
so that you are justified in your sentence
and blameless when you pass judgement.
Indeed, I was born guilty,
a sinner when my mother conceived me.



PSALM 51

Prayer for Cleansing and Pardon

(cont'd)

You desire truth in the inward being;
therefore teach me wisdom in my secret
heart.

Purge me with hyssop, and I shall be clean;
wash me, and I shall be whiter than snow.

Let me hear joy and gladness;
let the bones that you have crushed rejoice.

Hide your face from my sins,
and blot out all my iniquities.

Create in me a clean heart, O God,
and put a new and right spirit within me.
Do not cast me away from your presence,
and do not take your holy spirit from me.
Restore to me the joy of your salvation,
and sustain in me a willing spirit.

Then I will teach transgressors your ways,
and sinners will return to you.
Deliver me from bloodshed, O God,
O God of my salvation,
and my tongue will sing aloud of your
deliverance.



PSALM 51

Prayer for Cleansing and Pardon

(cont'd)

O Lord, open my lips,
and my mouth will declare your praise.
For you have no delight in sacrifice;
if I were to give a burnt-offering, you would
not be pleased.

The sacrifice acceptable to God is a broken
spirit;
a broken and contrite heart, O God, you will
not despise.

Do good to Zion in your good pleasure;
rebuild the walls of Jerusalem,
then you will delight in right sacrifices,
in burnt-offerings and whole burnt-offerings;
then bulls will be offered on your altar.

PRAYERS OF THANKSGIVING

Most familiar is Psalm 100



PSALM 100

All Lands Summoned to Praise God

A Psalm of thanksgiving.

Make a joyful noise to the LORD, all the earth.

Worship the LORD with gladness;
come into his presence with singing.

Know that the LORD is God.

It is he that made us, and we are his;
we are his people, and the sheep of his
pasture.

Enter his gates with thanksgiving,
and his courts with praise.
Give thanks to him, bless his name.

For the LORD is good;
his steadfast love endures for ever,
and his faithfulness to all generations.

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

Most familiar is The Lord's Prayer

May be used to open or to include prayers of intercession

NOTE: A point of Presbyterian polity: all meetings in the church – Elders, Deacons, congregational meetings, committee meetings, etc. – are to be opened and closed with prayer, as we are gathered in God's presence to do God's work and seek God's blessing on what we are doing and plan to do.



THE LORD'S PRAYER

Our Father, who art in heaven,
hallowed be 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 sins,
as we forgive those who sin
against us.

And lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.

For thine is the kingdom,
and the power, and the glory,
forever.

Amen.



CLOSING