

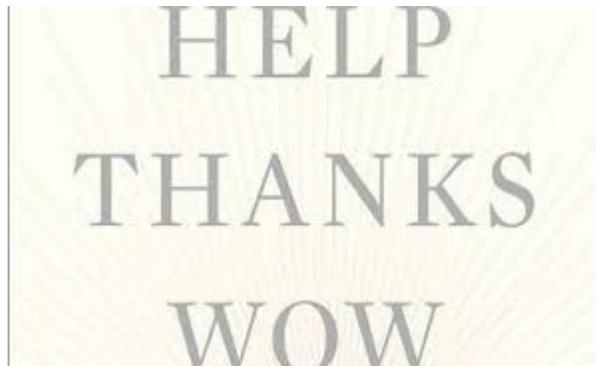
# 21<sup>st</sup> Sunday After Pentecost

October 14, 2018

## “Three Essential Prayers: Help”

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*Open Hearts, Open Minds, Open Doors*



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## W O R S H I P

*Please sign the red attendance pad and pass it to your neighbor. A warm welcome is extended to all. Especially those who are worshipping at Ocean Shores United Methodist for the first time or who have returned after an absence. Your presence both enriches us and this time of celebration together.*

### GREETING

### SHARING OUR PRAISES AND CONCERNS

CENTERING HYMN "Jesus, Remember Me"  
488

### CALL TO WORSHIP

Trust in the Lord at all times, O peoples of the earth!

**We will pour out our hearts before our God!**

God is your refuge and your strength, a very present help in trouble!

**We will trust, and not be afraid!**

HYMN\* "He Leadeth Me: O Blessed Thought" 92 PRAYER OF BROKENNESS  
(unison)

**Holy Creator, You have breathed in us Life, but we have exhaled little in return. We look down at our own problems, our worries and our own**

**cares and think the problems in the world are too big. Call us away from our worries that freeze us and into the warmth of Your love that sends us forth. Help us to give out of what You have given us, so that every breath of life from You is given back into the life of others. Help us to grow Your community, Your culture, Your kingdom on earth. Amen.**

### BLESSING OF PARDON (from Psalm 30)

Weeping may linger for the night, but joy comes with the morning. God has lifted us up, brought us out of the darkness into the light. God turns our mourning into dancing. With time, we can see the fullness of God's blessings in our lives. We are forgiven. We are given New Life in Christ Jesus. Amen.

### PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION (unison)

**Shine in our hearts, Lord Jesus  
Shine in our lives.**

**Shine in the Word now read and proclaimed,  
And we, children of the light, shining for all people, we follow. Amen**

PSALTER

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Psalm 40: 1-11

THE GOSPEL Matthew 26: 36-39

The Word of God for the people of God!

**Thanks be to God!**

MESSAGE "Three Essential Prayers:  
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HYMN "His Eye is on the Sparrow"  
2146

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

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  
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, and  
the power, and the glory forever.  
Amen.**

OFFERINGS

DOXOLOGY\*

95

HYMN\* "Help Us, Accept Each Other"  
560

BENEDICTION\*

Look to God and be radiant; let your faces  
shine. For you who were lost have been  
brought home; go forth into the world.  
You who were dead have been raised;  
give life unto the world. Go with God and  
find! Go with God, and live! Amen.

SHALOM TO YOU\*

(Please form a circle and hold hands)

Shalom to you now, shalom my friends. May  
God's full mercies bless you, my friends. In all  
your living and through your loving, Christ be  
your Shalom, Christ be your Shalom.

POSTLUDE

**MINISTERING IN TODAY'S SERVICE:**

Rev'd. Betty Chamberlain, Pianist  
Mr. Gerry Dixon, Liturgist  
Mrs. Ruth Dixon, Song Leader  
Mrs. Sarah Hope, Pianist  
Rev'd. Ronald Myers, Pastor  
Ms. Vicki Schmidt, Liturgist  
Mr. Bill White, Audio  
Sound & Projection:

**CHURCH CALENDAR**

**Today, Pastor Myers will leave for Missoula, and will be back on Friday. His cell number is 907-947-4650**

**Wednesday, October 17<sup>th</sup>—No Bible Study this Week**

**Friday, October 19<sup>th</sup>—5:30-6:30  
Community Dinner**

**Just a reminder that the Church will raise funds at the annual handicraft show at the Convention Center. During FANTA-SEA THANKSGIVING WEEKEND. Consider using your talents. For more information contact Vicki Schmidt or Pam Tuttle.**

But I believe that the desire to please you does in fact please you. And I hope I have that desire in all that I am doing. I hope that I will never do anything apart from that desire. And I know that if I do this you will lead me by the right road, though I may know nothing about it.

Therefore I will trust you always though I may seem to be lost and in the shadow of death.

I will not fear, for you are ever with me, and you will never leave me to face my perils alone."

*- Thomas Merton*

I do not see the road ahead of me. I cannot know for certain where it will end. Nor do I really know myself, and the fact that I think I am following your will does not mean that I am actually doing so.