

* **Call to Worship:** *Psalm 98:1-3*

*Oh sing to the LORD a new song,
for he has done marvelous things!
His right hand and his holy arm
have worked salvation for him.*

**The LORD has made known his salvation;
he has revealed his righteousness in the sight of the nations.**

*He has remembered his steadfast love and faithfulness
to the house of Israel.*

*All the ends of the earth have seen
the salvation of our God.*

* **Opening Prayer**

* **Joy to the World**

#337:1,2,4 (PH)

Joy to the world! The Lord is come:
Let earth receive her King,
Let every heart prepare Him room,
And heaven and nature sing, and heaven and nature sing,
And heaven, and heaven and nature sing.

Joy to the world! the Savior reigns;
Let men their songs employ.
While fields and floods, rocks, hills and plains,
Repeat the sounding joy, repeat the sounding joy,
Repeat, repeat the sounding joy.

He rules the world with truth and grace,
And makes the nations prove
The glories of His righteousness,
And wonders of His love, and wonders of His love,
And wonders, wonders of His love.

* **Heavenly Hosts in Ceaseless Worship**

Heavenly hosts in ceaseless worship "Holy, holy, holy!" cry;
"He who is, who was and will be,
God Almighty, Lord Most High."
Praise and honor, power and glory be to him who reigns alone;
We, with all his hands have fashioned,
Fall before the Father's throne.

All creation, all redemption, join to sing the Savior's worth;
Lamb of God whose blood has bought us,
Kings and priests, to reign on earth.
Wealth and wisdom, power and glory,
Honor, might, dominion, praise
Now be his from all his creatures and to everlasting days.

* please join us in standing if able

* **Thou Art Worthy**

Thou art worthy, Thou art worthy, Thou art worthy, O Lord,
To receive glory, glory and honor, glory and honor and pow'r.
For Thou hast created, hast all things created;
Thou hast created all things.
And for Thy pleasure they are created;
For Thou art worthy, O Lord.

Profession of Faith: *Psalm 1*

**Blessed is the one
who does not walk in step with the wicked
or stand in the way that sinners take
or sit in the company of mockers,
but whose delight is in the law of the LORD,
and who meditates on his law day and night.
That person is like a tree planted by streams of water,
which yields its fruit in season
and whose leaf does not wither,
whatever they do prospers.
Not so the wicked!
They are like chaff that the wind blows away.
Therefore the wicked will not stand in the judgment,
nor sinners in the assembly of the righteous.
For the LORD watches over the way of the righteous,
but the way of the wicked leads to destruction.**

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Evening Prayer

* **Sweet Hour of Prayer**

#439:1,2 (HFG)

Sweet hour of prayer, sweet hour of prayer,
That calls me from a world of care,
And bids me at my Father's throne
Make all my wants and wishes known:
In seasons of distress and grief
My soul has often found relief,
And oft escaped the tempter's snare.

By thy return, sweet hour of prayer.
Sweet hour of prayer, sweet hour of prayer,
Thy wings shall my petition bear
To Him whose truth and faithfulness
Engage the waiting soul to bless:
And since He bids me seek His face,
Believe His Word, and trust His grace,
I'll cast on Him my every care,
And wait for thee, sweet hour of prayer.

* **Scripture:** *John 14:12-14 (NIV)*

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¹² I tell you the truth, anyone who has faith in me will do what I have been doing. He will do even greater things than these, because I am going to the Father. ¹³And I will do whatever you ask in my name, so that the Son may bring glory to the Father. ¹⁴You may ask me for anything in my name, and I will do it.

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Message: *When We Pray, God Works!*

Prayer

* **When Peace Like a River**

#489:1,4 (PH)

When peace like a river attendeth my way,
When sorrows like sea billows roll—
Whatever my lot, Thou has taught me to say,
It is well, it is well with my soul.
It is well, with my soul,
It is well, it is well, with my soul.

O, Lord haste the day when my faith shall be sight,
The clouds be rolled back as a scroll:
The trump shall resound and the Lord shall descend,
Even so it is well with my soul.
It is well, with my soul,
It is well, it is well, with my soul.

* **God's Blessing**

* **Our God Reigns**

#195 (PH)

How lovely on the mountains are the feet of him
Who brings good news, good news
Announcing peace, proclaiming news of happiness.
Our God reigns; our God reigns!
Our God reigns; our God reigns!
Our God reigns; our God reigns!

When We Pray, God Works!

John 14:12-14

1. The Challenge to Ask

- John 14:13 "I will do whatever you **ask**. . . "
- John 14:14 "You may **ask** me for anything. . . "
- John 15:7 "**Ask** whatever you wish. . . "
- John 15:16 "The Father will give you whatever you **ask**. . . "
- John 16:23 "My Father will give you whatever you **ask**. . . "
- John 16:24 "**Ask** and you will receive. . . "
- John 16:26 "In that day you will **ask**. . . "

2. The Right Way to Ask

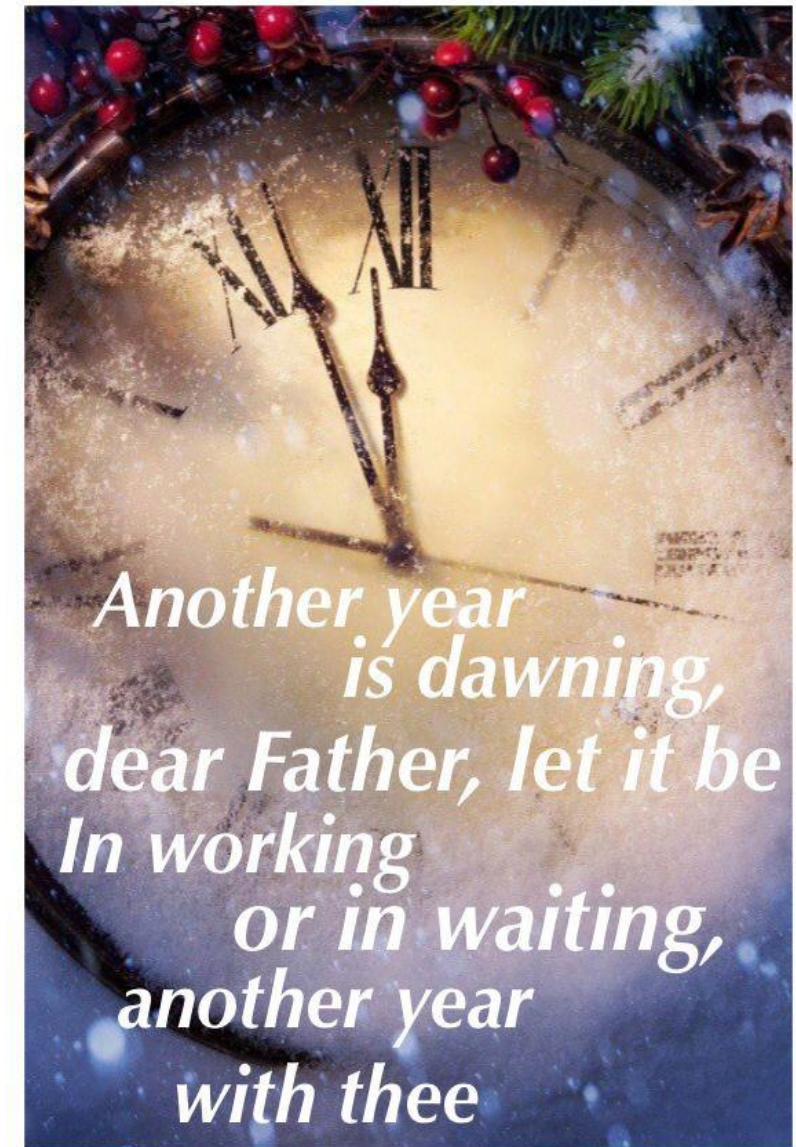
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- John 15:16 "whatever you ask **in my name.**"
- John 16:23 "whatever you ask **in my name.**"
- John 16:24 "you have not asked for anything **in my name.**"
- John 16:26 "In that day your will ask **in my name.**"

3. Our Assurance When We Ask

- John 14:12 "anyone who has faith in me **will do what I have been doing**. He **will do even greater things** than these."
- John 14:13 "**I will do** whatever you ask"
- John 14:14 "**I will do** it."
- John 15:7 "**it will be given** you."
- John 15:16 "the **Father will give** you."
- John 16:24 "**you will receive**, and your joy will be complete."

4. Jesus Motive for His Prayer Challenge

- John 14:13 "the Son many **bring glory to the Father.**"



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