

Bible Reading for October 25

Luke 11:1-13 Jesus was praying in a certain place. When he finished, one of his disciples said, "Lord, teach us to pray, just as John taught his disciples." ²Jesus told them, "When you pray, say: 'Father, uphold the holiness of your name. Bring in your kingdom. ³Give us the bread we need for today. ⁴Forgive us our sins, for we also forgive everyone who has wronged us. And don't lead us into temptation.'" ⁵He also said to them, "Imagine that one of you has a friend and you go to that friend in the middle of the night. Imagine saying, 'Friend, loan me three loaves of bread ⁶because a friend of mine on a journey has arrived and I have nothing to set before him.' ⁷Imagine further that he answers from within the house, 'Don't bother me. The door is already locked, and my children and I are in bed. I can't get up to give you anything.' ⁸I assure you, even if he wouldn't get up and help because of his friendship, he will get up and give his friend whatever he needs because of his friend's brashness. ⁹And I tell you: Ask and you will receive. Seek and you will find. Knock and the door will be opened to you. ¹⁰Everyone who asks, receives. Whoever seeks, finds. To everyone who knocks, the door is opened. ¹¹"Which father among you would give a snake to your child if the child asked for a fish? ¹²If a child asked for an egg, what father would give the child a scorpion? ¹³If you who are evil know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will the heavenly Father give the Holy Spirit to those who ask him?"

Discussion Questions

• *Have you and God talked lately?* • *How is your prayer life?* • *Is there something that is difficult for you to pray for?* • *What response do you hope to receive from God?*

As you ponder these things in preparation for Sunday, I would love to hear what God is saying to you. Call me in the church office at 256-353-6941 or email me at miriam@centralunitedmethodist.com.



October 25, 2020
Twenty-first Sunday after Pentecost

Musical Gift

All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name

Benjamin

Welcome and Announcements

Call to Worship

Surely the Presence of the Lord

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Prayers of the People

Rev. Miriam Smith

**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.**



Love GOD



Love OTHERS



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**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 for ever. Amen.**

Bible Reading — Luke 11:1-13

Rev. Miriam Smith

—[Prayer]

**Lord, open our hearts and minds by the power of your Holy Spirit,
that, as the Scriptures are read and your Word proclaimed,
we may hear with joy what you say to us today. Amen.**

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The word of God for the people of God. **Thanks be to God.**

Message — “Prayers”

Rev. Miriam Smith

Choral Benediction *On Eagle's Wings* †
**And God will raise you up on eagle's wings,
Bear you on the breath of dawn,
Make you to shine like the sun,
And hold you in the palm of his hand.**

Musical Gift

Life Eternal

Peterson

Organist: Virginia Paul

† *Surely the Presence of the Lord* by Lanny Wolfe © 1977 Lanny Wolfe Music.
On Eagles' Wings by Michael Joncas © 1979 OCP Publications

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Welcome!

We are so happy to be here together! Here are a few guidelines for how we can worship safely together:

Please stay seated until the ushers come to guide you out of the Sanctuary. If you would like to make your offering while you are here today, there is an offering plate by the door. You may also continue to give using our website or by mailing a check.

In order to help keep everyone safe, please take your bulletins and any trash with you when you leave.

This service will be livestreamed on YouTube and a recording will be posted on social media for watching at a later time.