

# *Prayers of the People*

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**August 11, 2024**

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# Welcome!

Services at 8:00 & 9:30 am • See gilbertumc.org for streaming information

*\*please stand as you are able*

**Pre-Service Music**     *"I Found the Answer; He's Only a Prayer Away; When You Pray"*     Marilyn

**Ring of the Bell**

**Welcome and Greeting**

Randy Van Der Pol

**Bringing in the Light of Christ**

**Prelude**

*"Kum Ba Yah"*

Marilyn

**\*Call to Worship**

Liturgist

Leader: We gather today knowing there are people in our world who are surrounded by violence and conflict on every side.

**People: Our work of peace begins with prayer.**

Leader: We gather today knowing there are people in our community who feel lost, alone, abandoned, and forgotten.

**People: Our work of love begins with prayer.**

Leader: We gather today knowing there are people in this place, this neighborhood, this world that we all share who experience overwhelming grief, despair, and sorrow.

**People: Our work of hope begins with prayer**

Leader: We gather not to look away from the world but to witness the needs of our neighbors through the lens of God's love.

**People: May we be a people who pray and, out of our praying, do the work of bringing peace, love, and hope to all we encounter.**

**Amen.**

*Written by Dr. Lisa Hancock, Discipleship Ministries, May 2024.*

**\*Opening Hymn**     *"Take My Life And Let It Be"*     vs. 1,2 3     #399

**\*Opening Prayer**

Liturgist

Gracious God, thank You for the many privileges that are mine in Christ Jesus and that in Him I have all that I need. Lord, help me to worship you this morning with an undistracted heart. Would your Spirit cause my heart, soul, mind, and strength to exalt your Holy Name in my prayer, singing, listening to your word, and interacting with your people. Give all of us peace, love and hope. Amen

**Special Song**

*"All My Hope"*

Praise Band

**Scripture Reading**

Ephesians 4:25-5: 2

Liturgist

**Message**

Pastor Adriana

## Prayer of Intercession

Pastor Adriana

Leader: Sisters and brothers, confident in God's love in Jesus Christ, let us pray for the world and for our needs, saying, Merciful God, hear our prayers. God, you have called forth the church to embody your way of life. Help those who profess faith in Christ to be faithful disciples and live according to your Word. For all who follow Jesus Christ,

**People: Merciful God, hear our prayer.**

Leader: Your children imitate you by speaking truth, showing forgiveness, and dwelling together in loving community. For our neighbors and our neighborhoods, that we may live in peace and justice.

**People: Merciful God, hear our prayer.**

Leader: God, the people of earth hunger for the spiritual food you provide that gives meaning to life. But many also hunger for good bread, for safe drinking water, and for the bare necessities of life. For those who struggle against the dehumanizing power of poverty, and for those who pursue justice in the sharing of earth's resources,

**People: Merciful God, hear our prayer.**

Leader: Merciful God, hear the prayers of your people and grant them what we ask in faith we may receive according to your gracious love, through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen

**Song Of Response** (8:00) *"Sweet Hour Of Prayer"* vs 1,2,3 #496  
(9:30) *"Lord Listen To Your Children Praying"* Praise Band

**Ministry Moment** Randy Van Der Pol

**Time of Offering** (8:00) *"Precious Lord, Take My Hand"* Marilyn  
(9:30) *"Battle Belongs"* Praise Band

**\*Doxology** "Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow" #95

## \*Offering Prayer

Gracious God, You, created the night and the day, the weeks and the months. We convinced ourselves that one day was for worship, when we know in our deepest being that every day and every moment is a celebration in worship of your love. As we offer our gifts this morning, stoke in us a fire to live every one of our days as a testimony to your love. We pray it in Christ's name, who in love died for us. Amen.

**\*Closing Music** (8:00) *"What A Friend We Have In Jesus"* vs 1,2,3 #526  
(9:30) *"Your Grace Is Enough"* Praise Band

## \*Blessing

**Postlude** *"God Be With You Till We Meet Again"* Marilyn

*You are invited to the Activity Center (on the left as you exit)  
for light refreshments and conversation!*



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