

Lord, have mercy.

For the poor, the persecuted, the sick, and all who suffer; for refugees, prisoners, and all who are in danger: that they may be relieved and protected, let us pray to the Lord.

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For this community: for those who are present and for those who are absent, that we may be delivered from hardness of heart and may show forth your glory in all that we do, let us pray to the Lord.

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For our enemies and those who wish us harm and for all whom we have injured or offended, let us pray to the Lord.

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For ourselves, for the forgiveness of our sins, and for the grace of the Holy Spirit to amend our lives, let us pray to the Lord.

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For all who commended themselves to our prayers: for our families, friends, and neighbors; that being freed from anxiety, they may live in joy, peace, and health, let us pray to the Lord.

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For all who have died in the faith of Christ, that with all the saints, they may have rest in that place where there is no pain or grief but life eternal, let us pray to the Lord.

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Help, save, pity and defend us, O God, by your grace.

(silence)

In the communion of the Holy Spirit and of all the saints, let us commend ourselves and one another to the living God through Christ our Lord.

Amen.

The Lord's Prayer

Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done on earth, as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours now and for ever. Amen.

Musical Offering "What a Friends We Have in Jesus" Anthony Hearn, Soloist

HYMN 382 UMH "Have Thine Own Way, Lord"

Benediction

May God bless us and keep us.

Amen.

May Jesus Christ make his face to shine upon us.

Amen.

May the Holy Spirit grant us peace.

Amen.



MAIN STREET UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

221 South Main Street - Reidsville - North Carolina

A Church for All God's People

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VESPERS FOR ORDINARY TIME

Music for Gathering

Nancy McCuen, Pianist

Hymn 687 UMH

“Day Is Dying in the West”

Call to Prayer

Jesus, our Savior, teach us your ways.

Our hope is in you, all the day long.

Prayer

We praise and thank you, O God, for you are without beginning and without end. Through Christ, you created the whole world; through Christ, you preserve it. You made the day for the works of light and the night for the refreshment of our minds and our bodies. Keep us now in Christ, grant us a peaceful evening, a night free from sin, and bring us at last to eternal life. Through Christ and in the Holy Spirit, we offer you all glory, honor, and worship, now and forever. Amen.

Musical Offering “Surely the Presence of the Lord” Anthony Hearn, Soloist

First Lesson

I Timothy 6:6-19

Psalm 91

**(R) When the storms of life are raging, stand by me;
when the storms of life are raging, stand by me.
When the world is tossing me, like a ship upon the sea,
thou who rulest wind and water, stand by me.**

Those who dwell in the shelter of the Most High, who abide in the shadow of the Almighty, will say to the Lord,

“My refuge and my fortress; my God, in whom I trust.”

For the Lord will deliver you from the snare of the fowler and from the deadly pestilence and will cover you with his pinions; **under the Lord’s wings you will find refuge. God’s faithfulness is a shield and buckler.**

**(R) In the midst of tribulation, stand by me;
in the midst of tribulation, stand by me.
When the host of hell assail, and my strength begins to fail,
thou who never lost a battle, stand by me.**

You will not fear the terror of the night, nor the arrow that flies by day, **nor the pestilence that stalks in darkness, nor the destruction that wastes at noonday.** A thousand may fall at your side, ten thousand at your right hand, but it will not come near you. **You will only look with your eyes and see the recompense of the wicked.** Because you have made the Lord your refuge, the Most High your habitation, **no evil shall befall you, no scourge come near your tent.**

**(R) In the midst of faults and failures, stand by me;
in the midst of faults and failures, stand by me.
When I’ve done the best I can, and my friends misunderstand,
thou who knowest all about me, stand by me.**

For God will give his angels charge over you to guard you in all your ways. **They will bear you up on their hands lest you dash your foot against a stone. You will tread on the lion and the adder, the young lion and the serpent you will trample under foot.**

Because they cleave to me in love, I will deliver them;

I will protect them, because they know my name.

When they call to me, I will answer them; I will be with them in trouble, I will rescue them and honor them.

I will satisfy them with long life and show them my salvation.

**(R) In the midst of persecution, stand by me;
in the midst of persecution, stand by me.
When my foes in war array undertake to stop my way,
O thou Lily of the Valley, stand by me.**

Second Lesson

Luke 16:19-31

The Magnificat

**My soul proclaims with wonder the greatness of the Lord;
rejoicing in God’s goodness, my spirit is restored.
To me has God shown favor, to one the world thought frail,
and every age will echo the angel’s first “All hail!”**

**God’s mercy shields the faithful and saves them from defeat
with strength that turns to scatter the proud in their conceit.
The mighty have been vanquished, the lowly lifted up.
The hungry find abundance, the rich, an empty cup.**

**To Abraham’s descendants the Lord will steadfast prove,
For God has made with Israel a covenant of love.
My soul proclaims with wonder the greatness of the Lord;
rejoicing in God’s goodness, my spirit is restored.**

Prayers

In peace, let us pray to the Lord.

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For the peace of the world, that a spirit of respect and forbearance may grow among nations and peoples, let us pray to the Lord.

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For those in positions of public trust, that they may serve justice and promote the dignity and freedom of all people, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For a blessing upon the labors of all and for the right use of the riches of creation, let us pray to the Lord.