Saturday 9 am Prayer for April 18, 2020

O Creator, let my soul rise up to meet you

**As the day rises to meet the sun.**

**Glory to God, the Creator, the Son, and the Spirit, as it was in the beginning is now and ever shall be, forever! Amen.**

Come, let us bow our heads, our spirits, our strength, before our God, our Creator. It is only through God that we can pour out our souls, our worries, our joys, our mistakes, and our triumphs and know that we are accepted and loved unconditionally, just the way we are. God, we come to you this day baring our souls and knowing we are not alone.

Even in the struggles of these days of Covid 19 we lift our souls to you: we trust that our lives are in Your hands and we sing 10000 reasons for this trust…

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=AE7vWKpnnnk&list=RDFbxKdSk2dKI&index=2>

*Reading of the Psalm*

Psalm 16, Page 11 in the Psalter Read as a Call and Response.

*Gospel acclamation (Alleluia)*

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia (x 2)

Speak Lord, your servant is listening.

You have the words of everlasting life.

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia

*Reading of the Gospel*

John 20:11-20

*Gospel acclamation (Alleluia)*

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia (x 2)

*Affirmation of Faith – UCC Creed*

**We are not alone,**

**we live in God’s world.**

**We believe in God:**

**who has created and is creating,**

**who has come in Jesus,**

**the Word made flesh,**

**to reconcile and make new,**

**who works in us and others**

**by the Spirit.**

**We trust in God.**

**We are called to be the Church:**

**to celebrate God’s presence,**

**to live with respect in Creation,**

**to love and serve others,**

**to seek justice and resist evil,**

**to proclaim Jesus, crucified and risen,**

**our judge and our hope.**

**In life, in death, in life beyond death,**

**God is with us.**

**We are not alone.**

**Thanks be to God.**

*Intercessory prayers*

God of the captive, God of the free, fill our voices with songs today. Songs that proclaim hope, joy, and justice for all of creation. Let those feeling trapped and alone during this time hear our voices as we reach out beyond ourselves sharing with others the blessings God have given!

Please share your prayers with each other and after each I will say:

Gracious God hear our prayers

You are invited to respond: **And in Your Love Answer.**

And finally, God we end with the prayer taught to us by Your beloved Jesus:

**Our Father, Our Mother, who art in heaven,**

**Hallowed by thy name.**

**Thy Kingdom come.**

**Thy will be done in earth,**

**As it is in heaven.**

**Give us this day our daily bread.**

**And forgive us our trespasses,**

**As we forgive them that trespass against us.**

**And lead us not into temptation,**

**But deliver us from evil.**

**For thine is the kingdom,**

**The power, and the glory,**

**For ever and ever. Amen.**

Let us bless the Lord

**Thanks be to God!**