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**Seventh Sunday After Pentecost**

**July 27, 2025**

## **WELCOME**

## **CALL TO WORSHIP**

Leader: Lord, teach us to pray, just as You taught Your disciples.

**People: We come with open hearts, ready to speak and to listen.**

Leader: Ask, and it will be given to you; seek, and you will find.

People: We ask for Your presence, we seek Your truth.

Leader: Knock, and the door will be opened.

**People: We knock with faith, trusting in Your goodness.**

Leader: If we who are earthly know how to give good gifts,

**People: How much more will our Heavenly Father give the Holy Spirit to those who ask!**

**All: Come, Holy Spirit—fill this place and lead us in worship.**

**HYMN**

*Sweet Hour of Prayer*

Violin, Sarah Coyl

**SCRIPTURE READING**

Luke 11:1-13

He was praying in a certain place, and after he had finished, one of his disciples said to him, "Lord, teach us to pray, as John taught his disciples." so he said to them, "When you pray, say: Father, may your name be revered as holy. May your kingdom come. Give us each day our daily bread. And forgive us our sins, for we ourselves forgive everyone indebted to us. And do not bring us to the time of trial." And he said to them, "Suppose one of you has a friend, and you go to him at midnight and say to him, 'Friend, lend me three loaves of bread, for a friend of mine has arrived, and I have nothing to set before him.' And he answers from within, 'Do not bother me; the door has already been locked, and my children are with me in bed; I cannot get up and give you anything.' I tell you, even though he will not get up and give him anything out of friendship, at least because of his persistence he will get up and give him whatever he needs. "So I say to you, Ask, and it will be given to you; search, and you will find; knock, and the door will be opened for you. For everyone who asks receives, and everyone who searches finds, and for everyone who knocks, the door will be opened. Is there anyone among you who, if your child asked for a fish, would give a snake instead of a fish? Or if the child asked for an egg, would give a scorpion? If you, then, 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!"

**HYMN**

*Gloria Patri*

Violin, Sarah Coyl

**SERMON**

" Praying Attention"

Pastor -Jim Coyl

**PASTORAL PRAYER, LORD'S PRAYER**

**HYMN**

*The Church's One Foundation*

**BENEDICTION**

## **“Learning to Pray”**

Inspired by Eugene Peterson & Luke 11:1–13

In Luke 11:1–13, the disciples ask Jesus, “Lord, teach us to pray.” They weren’t asking for a technique. They had seen how prayer shaped Jesus’ life—how it grounded Him in the Father’s will, gave Him strength, and nurtured intimacy with God. They wanted that kind of life.

Eugene Peterson, in *The Message* and throughout his pastoral writings, reminds us that prayer is not about getting what we want but becoming who God intends us to be. He writes, “Prayer is not something we think up to get God’s attention; it’s God’s way of getting our attention.”

Jesus answers their request not with abstract ideas, but with a prayer—the Lord’s Prayer—and with a story. He teaches us to ask, seek, and knock—not as consumers before a vending machine, but as children coming home. He assures us that the Father is not reluctant or distant, but generous and near.

Peterson once said that prayer is “answering speech”—our response to a God who has already spoken, already loved, already invited us into relationship. Jesus’ prayer is simple, but it reorients us: to God’s name, God’s kingdom, God’s provision, God’s mercy, and God’s protection.

This week, let us pray as learners. Not to master prayer, but to be mastered by the God who loves to give the Holy Spirit to those who ask.

Prayer:

Lord, teach us to pray—not for performance, but for presence. Shape our hearts through Your words. Help us trust that when we ask, You hear. When we knock, You open. Amen.

## **Daily Lectionary Readings**

**Monday, July 28, 2025:**

Psalm 44; Hosea 2:14-3:5; Colossians 2:16-3:1;

**Tuesday, July 29, 2025:**

Psalm 44; Hosea 6:1-10; Romans 9:30-10:4;

**Wednesday, July 30, 2025:**

Psalm 44; Hosea 6:11-7:16; Matthew 5:43-48;

**Thursday, July 31, 2025:**

Psalm 107:1-9, 43; Hosea 8:1-14; Romans 11:33-36;

**Friday, August 01, 2025:**

Psalm 107:1-9, 43; Hosea 9:1-17; Ephesians 4:17-24;

**Saturday, August 02, 2025:**

Psalm 107:1-9, 43; Hosea 10:1-15; Mark 10:17-22;