### ****Prayers of the People****

August 3, 2025

**Leader:**  
Gracious and generous God, You have blessed us with life, breath, and every good thing. Teach us not to store up treasures for ourselves, but to be rich toward You. With trust in Your love and provision, we bring our prayers for the church, the world, and all in need. Please bless those we have mentioned aloud and those unspoken.

**Silent pause**

**Leader:**  
Lord, in a world consumed by wealth and status,  
**People:** Help us to seek Your kingdom first.

**Leader:**  
For the church around the world, that we may live as people shaped by Your gospel—open-handed, compassionate, and rooted in love:  
**People:** Make us rich toward You, O God.

**Leader:**  
For those trapped by greed, fear, or anxiety about money, and for those suffering in poverty, injustice, or neglect:  
**People:** Teach us to trust not in wealth, but in Your faithful care.

**Leader:**  
For families torn by disputes over inheritance or material things, and for all who carry the wounds of broken relationships:  
**People:** Heal hearts with mercy and restore us to one another.

**Leader:**  
For leaders in government, business, and community, that they may serve the common good and use resources wisely, with justice and generosity:  
**People:** Guide them with wisdom, humility, and courage.

**Leader:**  
For those who are sick, grieving, lonely, or burdened, especially those we name in our hearts or aloud…  
**People:** Surround them with Your peace and provide what they truly need.

**Leader:**  
For ourselves, Lord, that we may not live as practical atheists—saying we believe in You but trusting in our possessions—  
**People:** Form in us hearts that are generous, joyful, and free.

**Leader:**  
And when our lives are demanded of us, O God, may we be found rich in faith, hope, and love.  
**People:** For all that we have belongs to You.

**Leader:**  
We pray all these things in the name of Jesus Christ, who lived with nothing yet gave everything,  
**All:** Amen.