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Pastor: Rev. Dr. Neil Parker
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Meditation & Prelude

Tomasz Piętak, organ

Welcome and Peace

Lighting Candles

Wash and Pray

Opening Song

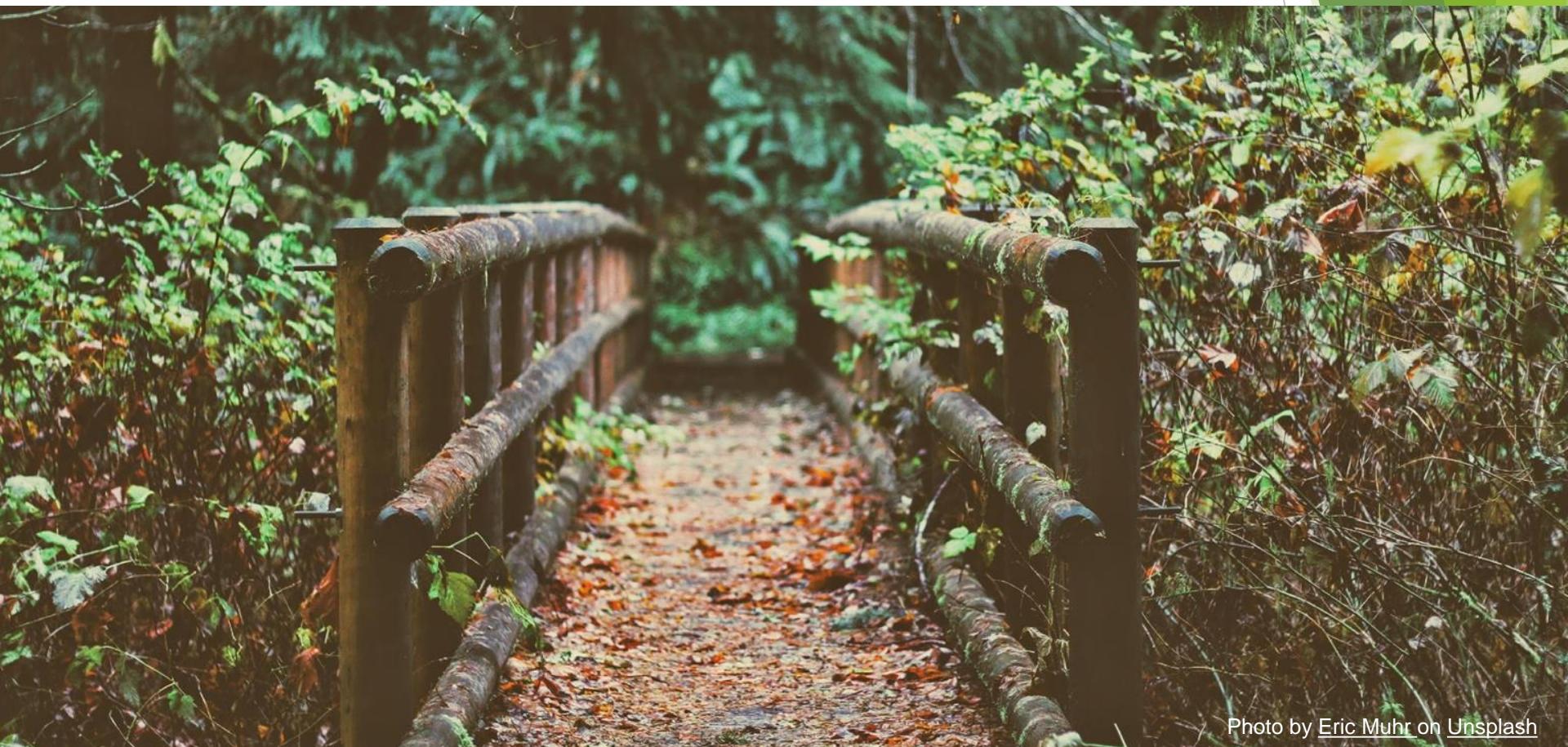


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Wash and Pray

Scientific studies have shown that thoroughly washing your hands with soap and warm water for 20-30 seconds helps prevent the spread of germs. Coincidentally, the Lord's Prayer takes about 30 seconds to say aloud or in your head. So next time you're washing your hands, use that half minute to pray AND help prevent the spread of germs!



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.



Lead us not into
temptation



but deliver us from evil.



for the kingdom, the
power, and the glory are
yours



now and forever.



Amen.

Opening Hymn - CH 53

Morning Has Broken

1. Morning has broken like the first
morning, blackbird has spoken like the first
bird. Praise for the singing! Prasie for the
morning! Praise for them, springing fresh
from the Word!

Opening Hymn - CH 53

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2. Sweet the rain's new fall sunlit from heaven, like the first dewfall on the first grass. Praise for the sweetness of the wet garden, sprung in completeness where God's feet pass.

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3. Mine is the sunlight! Mine is the morning
born of the one light Eden saw play! Praise
with elation, praise every morning, God's
recreation of the new day!

GREETING ONE ANOTHER





TIME WITH THE CHILDREN

Jesus Loves Me

FIRST READING: MARK 10:35-45_(NIV)

Read by Ruby John

James and John, the sons of Zebedee, came forward to him and said to him, "Teacher, we want you to do for us whatever we ask of you. "And he said to them, "What is it you want me to do for you?" And they said to him, "Grant us to sit, one at your right hand and one at your left, in your glory."

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But Jesus said to them, "You do not know what you are asking. Are you able to drink the cup that I drink, or be baptized with the baptism that I am baptized with?" They replied, "We are able." Then Jesus said to them, "The cup that I drink you will drink; and with the baptism with which I am baptized, you will be baptized;

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but to sit at my right hand or at my left is not mine to grant, but it is for those for whom it has been prepared.“ When the ten heard this, they began to be angry with James and John. So Jesus called them and said to them, "You know that among the Gentiles those whom they recognize as their rulers lord it over them, and their great ones are tyrants over them.

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But it is not so among you; but whoever wishes to become great among you must be your servant, and whoever wishes to be first among you must be slave of all. For the Son of Man came not to be served but to serve, and to give his life a ransom for many."

RESPONSIVE PSALM 104:1-9,24,35c_(NIV)

Read by Rev. Dr. Neil Parker

Bless the LORD, O my soul. O LORD my God, you are very great. You are clothed with honor and majesty, wrapped in light as with a garment. You stretch out the heavens like a tent, you set the beams of your chambers on the waters, you make the clouds your chariot, you ride on the wings of the wind, you make the winds your messengers, fire and flame your

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ministers. You set the earth on its foundations, so that it shall never be shaken. You cover it with the deep as with a garment; the waters stood above the mountains. At your rebuke they flee; at the sound of your thunder they take to flight. They rose up to the mountains, ran down to the valleys to the place that you appointed for them.

RESPONSIVE PSALM 104:1-9,24,35c_(NIV)

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You set a boundary that they may not pass,
so that they might not again cover the
earth. O LORD, how manifold are your
works! In wisdom you have made them all;
the earth is full of your creatures.

Praise the LORD!

SERMON: ARGUING ABOUT WHO'S ON FIRST (OR SECOND)



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RESPONSIVE HYMN-CH 595, v. 1,3,4

Be Thou My Vision

1. Be thou my vision, O Lord of my heart;
naught be all else to me, save that thou
art thou my best thouhg by day or by
night, waking or sleeping, they presence
my light.

RESPONSIVE HYMN-CH 595, v. 1,3,4

Be Thou My Vision

3. Riches I heed not, nor vain empty
praise, thou mine inheritance now and
always, thou and thou only, first in my
heart, Great God of heaven, my
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PRAYERS

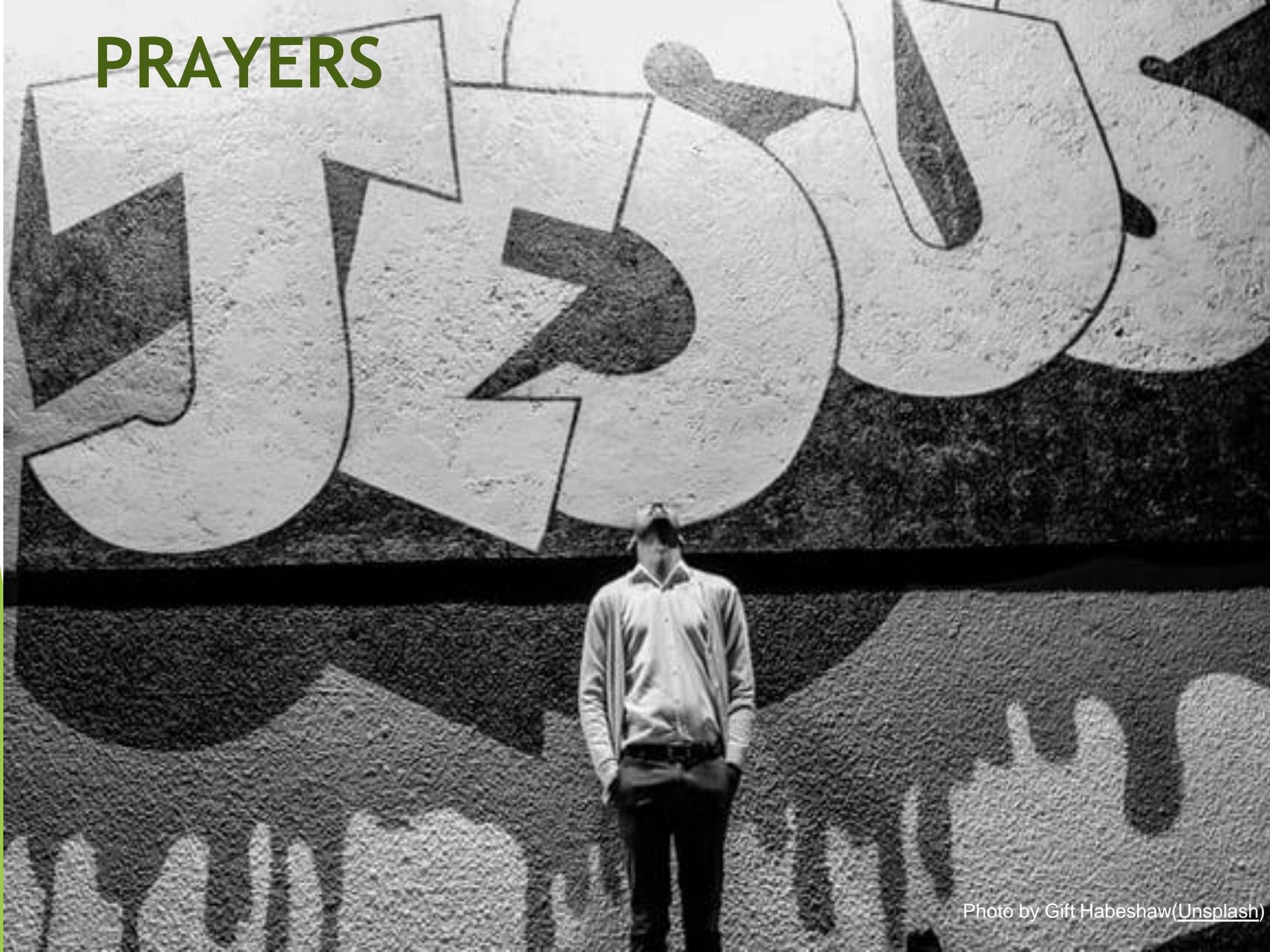


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OFFERING

Meditation-Tomasz Piętak, organ



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DOXOLOGY - CH 46

Praise God from whom all blessings flow;
praise Him, all creatures here below; praise
him above ye heavenly host: Praise Father,
Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen



ANNOUNCEMENTS



CLOSING HYMN - CH 33, v. 1,3,4

How Great Thy Art!

1. O Lord my God! when I in awesome wonder consider all the worlds thy hands have made, I see the stars, I hear the rolling thunder, thy power throughout the universe displayed. Then sings my soul, my saviour God to thee; how great thou art, how great thou art! Then sings my soul, my saviour God to thee; how great thou art, how great thou art!

CLOSING HYMN - CH 33, v. 1,3,4

How Great Thy Art!

3. And when I think that God, his Son not sparing, sent him to die, I scarce can take it in; that on the cross, my burden gladly bearing, he bled and died to take away my sin; Then sings my soul, my saviour God to thee; how great thou art, how great thou art! Then sings my soul, my saviour God to thee; how great thou art, how great thou art!

CLOSING HYMN - CH 33, v. 1,3,4

How Great Thy Art!

4. When Christ shall come with shout of
acclamation and take me home, what joy
shall fill my heart. Then I shall bow in
humble adoration, and there proclaim, my
God, how great thou art! Then sings my
soul, my saviour God to thee; how great
thou art, how great thou art! Then sings
my soul, my saviour God to thee; how
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A PRAYER AS I PUT ON MY MASK

Creator, as I prepare to go into the world,
help me to see the sacrament in the
wearing of this cloth - let it be "an outward
sign of an inward grace" - a tangible and
visible way of living love for my
neighbours, as I love myself.

Christ, since my lips will be covered,
uncover my heart, that people would see
my smile in the crinkles around my eyes.
Since my voice may be muffled, help me to
speak clearly, not only with my words,
but with my actions.

Holy Spirit, As the elastic touches my ears, remind me to listen carefully - and full of care - to all those I meet.

May this simple piece of cloth be shield and banner, and each breath that it holds, be filled with your love.

In your Name and in that love, I pray.

May it be so. May it be so.

BLESSING

Go in peace to love
and serve the Lord.
Thanks be to God



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Postlude

Tomasz Piętak, organ



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