



***St. John's United Church of Christ***  
300 N. Huntersville Road, Batesville, IN 47006

**March 12, 2025 @ 7:00pm**

***"Lenten Service"***

[\* = Those who are able may stand, **L** = Leader, **P** = People and **A** = All]

Words of Welcome: "The Lord is my light and my salvation; whom shall I fear? the Lord is the strength of my life; of whom shall I be afraid?" — Psalm 27:1

Organ Prelude: "Night Song" — Larson

Welcome & Announcements

Call to Worship:

**L:** ... So we might declare your glory as we gather together

**P:** Lord, teach us to pray.

\*Opening Hymn: "Prayer Is the Souls Sincere Desire" ~ see insert

Evening Prayer

**Lord, we are yours. Come be present among us. Come and move in this space. Empower us to see you. To hear you. To know you better. And move us to tell others about what we have seen and heard and experienced. For all are invited to know the love you show us in Jesus Christ. And it is in his name we pray, Amen.**

Time with Children

Scripture Reading: Psalm 143  
Matthew 6:5-15

Homily: "Lord, Teach Us to Pray"

Dedication of our Offerings

\*Closing Hymn: "Are Ye Able" ~ see insert

\*Benediction

Organ Postlude: "Aria" — J.S. Bach

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| Ministers               | Every Member         |
| Pastor                  | Rev. Joseph Feldmann |
| Pastor Emeritus         | Rev. David Johnston  |
| Organist/Choir Director | Mr. David W. Hanson  |

## SCRIPTURES

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**Psalm 143:** Hear my prayer, O Lord; give ear to my supplications in your faithfulness; answer me in your righteousness. Do not enter into judgment with your servant, for no one living is righteous before you. For the enemy has pursued me, crushing my life to the ground, making me sit in darkness like those long dead. Therefore my spirit faints within me; my heart within me is appalled.

I remember the days of old; I think about all your deeds; I meditate on the works of your hands. I stretch out my hands to you; my soul thirsts for you like a parched land.

Answer me quickly, O Lord; my spirit fails. Do not hide your face from me, or I shall be like those who go down to the Pit. Let me hear of your steadfast love in the morning, for in you I put my trust. Teach me the way I should go, for to you I lift up my soul.

Save me, O Lord, from my enemies; I have fled to you for refuge. Teach me to do your will, for you are my God. Let your good spirit lead me on a level path.

For your name's sake, O Lord, preserve my life. In your righteousness bring me out of trouble. In your steadfast love cut off my enemies, and destroy all my adversaries, for I am your servant.



**Matthew 6:5-15:** And whenever you pray, do not be like the hypocrites, for they love to stand and pray in the synagogues and at the street corners, so that they may be seen by others. Truly I tell you, they have received their reward. But whenever you pray, go into your room and shut the door and pray to your Father who is in secret, and your Father who sees in secret will reward you. When you are praying, do not heap up empty phrases as the gentiles do, for they think that they will be heard because of their many words. Do not be like them, for your Father knows what you need before you ask him.

“Pray, then, in this way: Our Father in heaven, may your name be revered as holy. May your kingdom come. May your will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. And forgive us our debts, as we also have forgiven our debtors. And do not bring us to the time of trial, but rescue us from the evil one. For the kingdom and the power and the glory are yours forever. Amen.

For if you forgive others their trespasses, your heavenly Father will also forgive you, but if you do not forgive others, neither will your Father forgive your trespasses.

# "Are Ye Able," Said the Master

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*Are ye able to drink of the cup that I shall drink of . . . .*

— Matthew 20:20

BEACON HILL  
Harry S. Mason

Earl Marlatt

1 "Are ye a - ble," said the Mas - ter, "To be cru - ci - fied with Me?"  
 2 "Are ye a - ble" to re - mem - ber, When a thief lifts up his eyes,  
 3 "Are ye a - ble?" still the Mas - ter Whis - pers down e - ter - ni - ty,

1 "Yea," the stur - dy dream - ers an - swer, "To the death we fol - low Thee:"  
 2 That his par - doned soul is wor - thy Of a place in par - a - dise?  
 3 And he - ro - ic spir - its an - swer, Now, as then in Gal - i - lee:

"Lord, we are a - ble"—our spir - its are Thine; Re - mold them—

make us like Thee, di - vine. Thy guid - ing ra - diance a -

bove us shall be A bea - con to God, to love and loy - al - ty.

ASPIRATION

# Prayer Is the Soul's Sincere Desire 446

... One of His disciples said unto Him, Lord, teach us to pray . . . — Luke 11:1

James Montgomery

SINCERE DESIRE  
William A. Schulthes



1 Prayer is the soul's sin - cere de - sire, Ut - tered or un - ex -  
2 *Prayer is the Chris - tian's vi - tal breath, The Chris - tian's na - tive*  
3 No prayer is made on earth a - lone, The Ho - ly Spir - it  
4 *O Thou by whom we come to God, The Life, the Truth, the*



1 pressed; The mo - tion of a hid - den fire  
2 *air, His watch - word at the gates of death:*  
3 pleads; And Je - sus on th'e - ter - nal throne  
4 *Way, The path of prayer Thy - self hast trod:*



1 That trem - bles in the breast.  
2 *He en - ters heaven with prayer.*  
3 For sin - ners in - ter - cedes.  
4 *Lord, teach us how to pray. A - men.*

