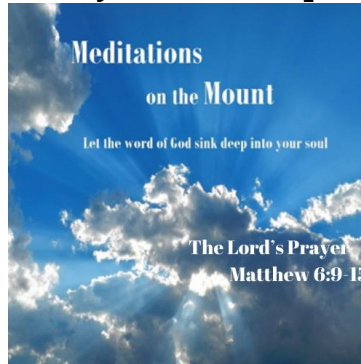


**Faith and Rock Creek Lutheran Churches**  
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**Lay Led Worship**



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### Welcome and Announcements

### Centering Prayer – The Breath Prayer

### Confession and Forgiveness

Held in God's mercy, let us confess our sin  
in the presence of God and of one another.

Holy God, we confess that we are caught in the snares of sin and cannot break free on our own. Throughout human history ungodly things have been done in your name by people who claim to follow Jesus. We keep score in our hearts. We turn hurts into hatred. We forget to turn to you in prayer. For all these things and for the sins only you know, forgive us, Lord. Amen.

Here is a flood of grace: Out of love for the whole world, God draws near to us, breaks every snare of sin, washes away our wrongs, and restores the promise of life everlasting. Through + Jesus Christ, you are forgiven. Amen.

### Opening Hymn

### Borning Cry WOV 770

I was there to hear your borning cry, I'll be there when you are old.  
I rejoiced the day you were baptized, To see your life unfold.  
I was there when you were but a child, With a faith to suit you well;  
In a blaze of light you wandered off. To find where demons dwell.  
When you heard the wonder of the Word I was there to cheer you on; You were  
raised to praise the living God to whom you now belong. If you find someone to

share your time and you join your hearts as one, I'll be there to make your verses rhyme from dusk 'till rising sun. In the middle ages of your life, not too old, no longer young, I'll be there to guide you through the night, complete what I've begun. When the evening gently closes in and you shut your weary eyes, I'll be there as I have always been with just one more surprise. I was there to hear your bawling cry, I'll be there when you are old. I rejoiced the day you were baptized to see your life unfold.

### **Greeting**

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all. **And also with you.**

### **Prayer of the Day**

Give us wisdom to draw closer to you in prayer, O God. **Help us to ask hard questions of our faith. Help us to be open to new understandings. Make us impatient with superficial faith and the everyday hypocrisies we have grown used to. Help us to settle for nothing less than wholehearted devotion so that we may walk by faith and not just talk about it. Join us on the journey, Holy One, as we learn to pray again to you in Jesus' name. Amen.**

### **Children's Message**

#### **Centering Song**

**I Need Thee Every Hour - Salt of the Sound**

#### **Scripture Reading**

**Matthew 6:1-15**

Jesus said, "Beware of practicing your righteousness before others in order to be seen by them, for then you have no reward from your Father in heaven. So whenever you give alms, do not sound a trumpet before you, as the hypocrites do in the synagogues and in the streets, so that they may be praised by others. Truly I tell you, they have received their reward. But when you give alms, do not let your left hand know what your right hand is doing, so that your alms may be done in secret, and your Father who sees in secret will reward you. 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. <sup>6</sup> 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 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.”

Word of God. Word of Life. **Thanks be to God!**

Message

Guided Meditation  
The Lord's Prayer  
Meditations on the Mount

Hymn of the Day

Amazing Grace LBW 448

Amazing Grace, how sweet the sound that saved a wretch like me  
I once was lost, but now am found was blind but now I see

'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear and grace, my fears relieved  
How precious did that grace appear the hour I first believed

Through many dangers, toils and snares I have already come  
'Tis grace has brought me safe thus far and grace will lead me home

The Lord has promised good to me; His Word my hope secures;  
He will my shield and portion be as long as life endures.

When we've been there ten thousand years, bright shining as the sun there's  
no less days to sing God's praise then when we first begun

**Apostles' Creed**

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord. He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the virgin Mary. He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended into hell. On the third day he rose again. He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting.

Amen.

## **Prayers of the People**

Hear us, O God. Your mercy is great.

**Peace**

**Offering**

**Doxology**

### **Offering Prayer**

Let us pray. Jesus, we draw close to you in prayer. Bless these gifts that we have gathered that all people may know your goodness. From them may justice and peace unfold in your world. We pray this in your name. Amen.

### **The Lord's Prayer**

**Blessing**

### **Sending Hymn**

**Shine Jesus Shine WOV 651**

Lord, the light of your love is shining. In the midst of the darkness, shining.  
Jesus, Light of the world, shine upon us, Set us free by the truth you now bring us. Shine on me, shine on me (refrain)

(refrain)

Shine, Jesus, shine. Fill this land with the Father's glory.  
Blaze, Spirit, blaze. Set our hearts on fire.  
Flow, river, flow. Flood the nations with grace and mercy.  
Send forth your word Lord, and let there be light.

As we gaze on your kingly brightness, so our faces display your likeness  
Ever changing from glory to glory, mirrored here may our lives tell your story  
Shine on me, shine on me (refrain)

### **Dismissal**

Go in peace. Remember to pray. God hears you.  
**Thanks be to God!**