



***RED LODGE COMMUNITY CHURCH***

***UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST***

***SEPTEMBER 26, 2021, 10:00 A.M. WORSHIP***

Our Mission: We welcome all people to gather for worship, fellowship and to study God's word. We seek to be servants of our Lord in the care of all people. We are an Open and Affirming Church in the United Church of Christ.

Land Acknowledgement: We acknowledge, with humility, that the land upon which we worship today was once the land of the Apsaalooke People, those who we now know as the Crow People. Their stewardship and relationship with the land is the stewardship and relationship that we hope to honor with the mission of this church.

## Prelude

## Candle Lighting and Ringing the bell

## Welcome & Announcements!

**Please join us for Coffee Hour in the Fellowship Hall following our service today!**

Happy Summer! Sunday School is suspended and will resume in the fall.

*Next week's volunteers October 3, 2021, will be Deacons: Lori Floyd, Debbie Awes  
Liturgist: Marge Nearpass Greeters: Harris & Renee Gabrian*

*All-Church Gathering (non-members are strongly encouraged to attend!!) following  
worship Purpose: to educate and envision our structure for the future. Agenda:  
coffee fellowship, education, feedback.*

If you do not receive the Weekly Wrangler or Shalom, please let Janet know. This is the best way to stay informed as to what our Church is doing.

## **Call to Worship**

Leader: I am the church; you are the church.

**Congregation: We are the church together.**

Leader: We depend on our seniors and long-time members to remember where we came from and where we have been.

**Congregation: We are the church together.**

Leader: We depend on our children to retell our sacred stories as they grow.

**Congregation: We are the church together.**

Leader: We depend on our youth and young adults to ask us why we do things this way and to suggest something new.

**Congregation: We are the church together.**

Leader: We need each other to be the church.

**Congregation: We are the church together.**

## Sacred Text

### **James 5: 13-20**

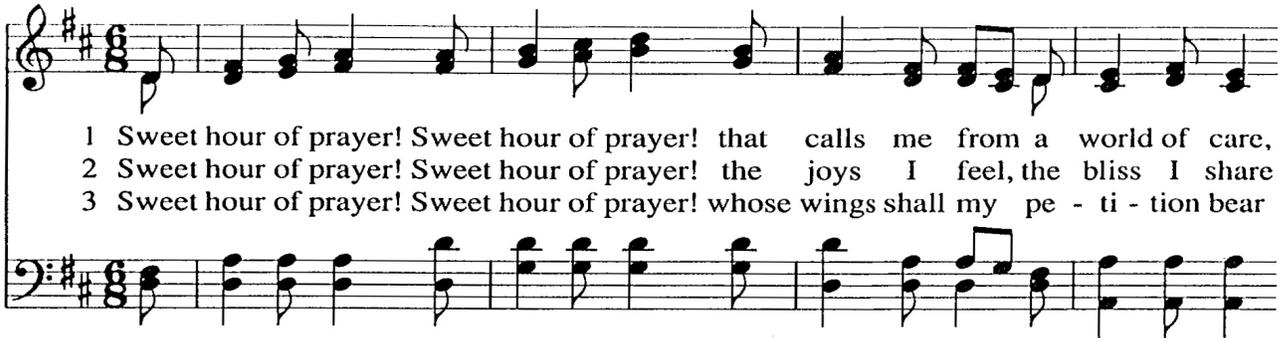
<sup>13</sup> Are any among you suffering? They should pray. Are any cheerful? They should sing songs of praise. <sup>14</sup> Are any among you sick? They should call for the elders of the church and have them pray over them, anointing them with oil in the name of the Lord. <sup>15</sup> The prayer of faith will save the sick, and the Lord will raise them up; and anyone who has committed sins will be forgiven. <sup>16</sup> Therefore confess your sins to one another, and pray for one another, so that you may be healed. The prayer of the righteous is powerful and effective. <sup>17</sup> Elijah was a human being like us, and he prayed fervently that it might not rain, and for three years and six months it did not rain on the earth. <sup>18</sup> Then he prayed again, and the heaven gave rain, and the earth yielded its harvest. <sup>19</sup> My brothers and sisters, <sup>[a]</sup> if anyone among you wanders from the truth and is brought back by another, <sup>20</sup> you should know that whoever brings back a sinner from wandering will save the sinner's<sup>[b]</sup> soul from death and will cover a multitude of sins.

# Opening Hymn NCH#505 "Sweet Hour of Prayer"

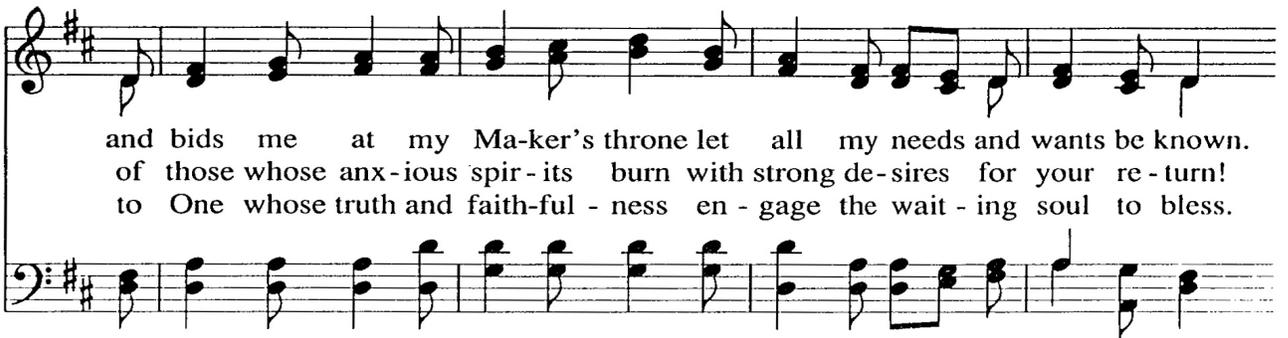
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## Sweet Hour of Prayer

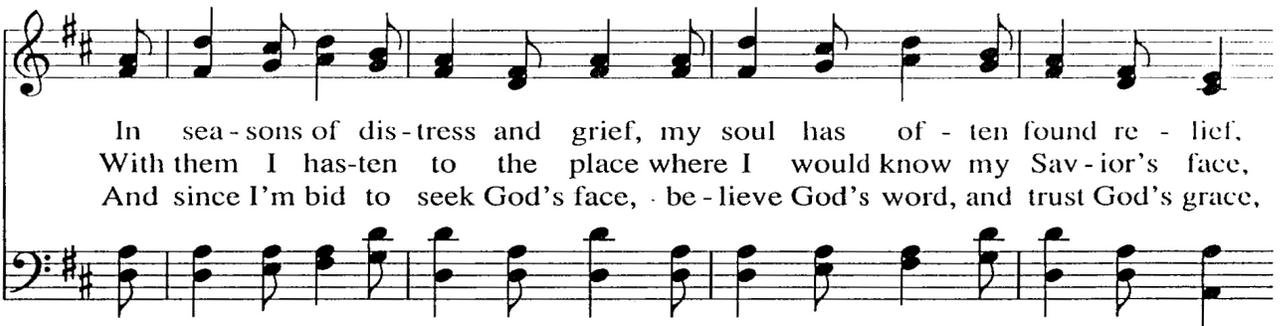
*William Walford, 1845; alt.*



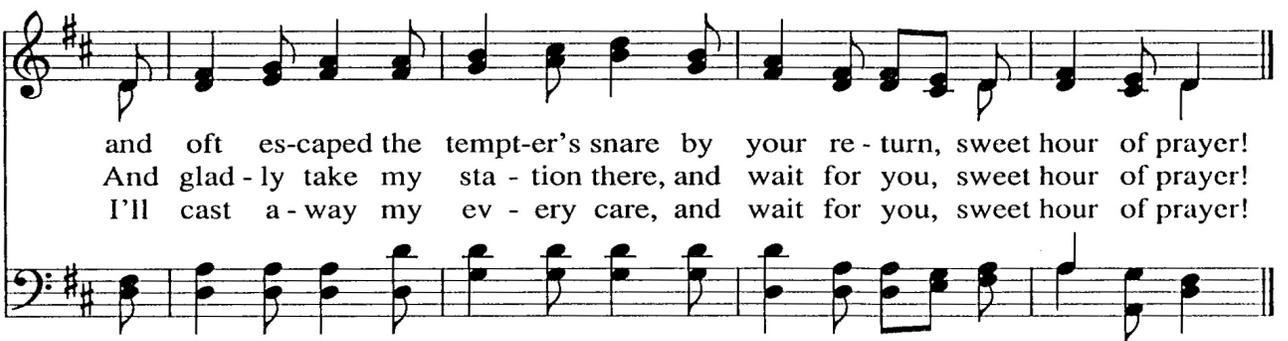
1 Sweet hour of prayer! Sweet hour of prayer! that calls me from a world of care,  
2 Sweet hour of prayer! Sweet hour of prayer! the joys I feel, the bliss I share  
3 Sweet hour of prayer! Sweet hour of prayer! whose wings shall my pe - ti - tion bear



and bids me at my Ma-ker's throne let all my needs and wants be known.  
of those whose anx-ious spir-its burn with strong de-sires for your re - turn!  
to One whose truth and faith-ful - ness en - gage the wait - ing soul to bless.



In sea - sons of dis - tress and grief, my soul has of - ten found re - lief,  
With them I has - ten to the place where I would know my Sav - ior's face,  
And since I'm bid to seek God's face, - be - lieve God's word, and trust God's grace,



and oft es - caped the tempt - er's snare by your re - turn, sweet hour of prayer!  
And glad - ly take my sta - tion there, and wait for you, sweet hour of prayer!  
I'll cast a - way my ev - ery care, and wait for you, sweet hour of prayer!

*Although credited to a different poet when first published in 1845, researchers believe this hymn was written by William Walford. William Bradbury, a highly trained musician, sang under Lowell Mason in Boston and also wrote "Jesus Loves Me."*

Tune: SWEET HOUR L.M.D.  
*William B. Bradbury, 1861*

## **Service of Communion: Invitation to the Table**

### **Remembrance of Baptism**

**One: Our God created new life forms and brought them up from the waters of chaos, embraced them and called them good.**

**The waters of Rock Creek, Clarks Fork, the East and West Rosebud, and the Yellowstone surround us and give us hope. The water of Glazier Lake provides sustenance and life.**

**Jesus, baptized in the river Jordan,**

**became living water for us and embraces all of us.**

**Baptismal water represents for us new life in Christ, a life assured of forgiveness and grace. We follow Jesus with our Baptism, living out our life-forgiving faith by recognizing life-giving water.**

**Through the water and the Word, we begin anew each day.**

### **Sharing the Meal**

#### **Communion Hymn Played & Sung by Lynell Krukeberg**

NCH#338

Una Espiga

(Sheaves of Summer)

## **Prayer of Community**

**We give thanks to you, every life and heart stretches toward you,  
O name untroubled, honored with the name of God,**

**And if there is a sweet and simple teaching, it gifts us mind, word, and  
knowledge:**

**Mind, that we may understand you.**

**Word, that we may interpret you.**

**Knowledge, that we may know you.**

**We rejoice that in the body**

**You have made us divine through your knowledge.**

**We have known you, O light of mind.**

**O light of life, we know you.**

**One thing we ask:**

**We wish to be protected in knowledge. One protection we desire:  
that we not stumble in this life.**

**Amen.**

## Prayers of the People

Joys: The creation that we are called to care for, our city's loving response to people in need. Successful Habitat for Humanity Building Project and the rain! Clear blue skies when they appear. Celebration of life! The joys of grandparenting!

We Keep in Prayer: Dewayne & Renee Prinkki & family, Margie, Deanna & Family, Tom & Coeta Reiger, Reece, Becky McGill, Debbie, Ken, Cara, Nancy, Laren, Amanda, Jessica Sinclair, Tate, Gerri, Dick Nolan, Dan, Judy, Dan Steffensen, Curtis, Scott, Courtney, Elli, Steven, Kathy & Dave Munson, Barb Croston, Eileen Rieger, Virginia Robertson, Sharon Scott, David Vaile, Macey Ropp Bennett, Loretta Sironen, Lynette Coleman, Hank Hawkins, Jean Walters, Kit and Cort Richards, Bill, David Ritter, David Scott, Russ Born, Skip Aleksich, David Peterson, Morgan, Kathleen Sauders, Wylie and his family, Eugenia, Bobbie Morvich, Glenn Eder, Marilyn Sinnott, health care workers, those with COVID and those caring for them, our beloved city, the housing needs in Red Lodge, for those awaiting the COVID vaccine. The East Coast Storms, Americans in Afghanistan, Students & Teachers returning to School.

All those who are homebound or in care facilities, especially: Dan Dalio, Kathy Yocum, Marleen Tetrault, Virgil Sheppard, Sheila Seiffert, Marklyn Lynn, Bill Wilson, Evelyn Rolshovan, Joyce and Al Miller, Mr. Bill, Joyce Lindberg, Bob and Becky Tirrell, Fay Rosser, Kyle, and Tom. Those who are Incarcerated and their families. Those living mental health challenges. Those affected by wildfires, the continued safety of fire service workers.

Those Who Are Grieving: Friends & Family of Al Drummond, Kevin Horan, Janet Vincent, Tatum Morrell, Ryan Pless,

## **Offering & Dedication of the Offering**

### **Prayer of Dedication**

May these tangible gifts and all the intangible gifts we share among us make known to the world that God is within us and among us.

### **A message with the Children**

# Sermon Refrain: NCH#469 "Lord, listen to your Children Praying" (2x)

## Lord, Listen to Your Children Praying 469

Lord, lis-ten to your chil-dren pray - ing. Lord, send your

Spir - it in this place. Lord, lis - ten to your chil - dren

pray - ing. Send us love; send us power; send us grace.

This chorus from a longer song has become a popular sung prayer for the presence of the Holy Spirit. Easily memorized, it makes a very suitable sung response at appropriate points during a series of prayer concerns or with repeated singing can open or close a time of prayer.

TEXT and MUSIC: Ken Medema, 1970  
Text and Music © 1973 Hope Publishing Company

CHILDREN PRAYING  
Irregular

## Sermon

### “Praying the Way”

Pastor Pam Peterson

## Closing Hymn: NCH#391 “Prayer is the Soul’s Sincere Desire”

9/7/2021

Prayer in the Soul's Sincere Desire.jpg

**Prayer Is the Soul's Sincere Desire** **391**

James Montgomery, 1818 ST. AGNES: C. M.  
John B. Dykes, 1866



1. Prayer is the soul's sin - cere de - sire, Un - ut - tered or ex - pressed;  
2. Prayer is the bur - den of a sigh, The fall - ing of a tear,  
3. Prayer is the con - trite sin - ner's voice, Re - turn - ing from his ways,  
4. Prayer is the Chris - tian's vi - tal breath, The Chris - tian's na - tive air,  
5. O Thou, by whom we come to God, The Life, the Truth, the Way;



The mo - tion of a hid - den fire That trem - bles in the breast.  
The up - ward glanc - ing of an eye, When none but God is near.  
While an - gels in their songs re - joice And cry, "Be - hold, he prays!"  
His watch - word at the gates of death; He en - ters heaven with prayer.  
The path of prayer Thy - self hast trod: Lord, teach us how to pray! A - MEN.



## **Benediction**

Let us ponder the challenge of Jesus this week: Who do we say Christ is in our lives, our community, our world? Let Holy Wisdom shine through all our pondering and lead us to recognize and serve our Risen Savior in all our encounters. Amen.

## **Postlude**

## **Participating in Today's Service**

Worship Leader –Pastor Pam Peterson

Accolyte – Eliza Seifert

Liturgist – Jim Brown

Musician – Dr. Lynell Kruckeberg

Choir Director - Marty Clague

Video, Audio, Tech Support – Jay West

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