

6/26/24 Morning Prayer (Ordinary Time)

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Preparation

The Lord is here... **His Spirit is with us.**

God who hides in plain sight, your joy shimmers in the northern lights and shines in a garden of color; your complex wisdom is in the practical design of a hand or the compact forest of trees found in an acorn. Thank you for revealing your power and divinity in the beating heart of love and the pulsing rhythms of music. Open the eyes of our heart to see more of you so that we have more to love you with. **Amen.** (*Belgic Confession, Article #2*)

Confession

Let us take a few moments in silence to confess our sins.

[Silence may be kept]

Gracious Lord God, whose tender mercies are given to all creation, we humbly crave your forgiveness for our sins -

- for every weakening and defiling thought which our minds have given refuge, **O Lord forgive us;**
- for every word spoken in hastiness or anger, **O Lord forgive us;**
- for every failure of self-control and every instance of selfishness, **O Lord forgive us;**
- for every stumbling block of word or example we have set in another's way, **O Lord forgive us;**
- for every opportunity lost or squandered, **O Lord forgive us;**

And grant, gracious Lord, that as the days go by, your Spirit may more and more rule in our hearts, giving us victory over these and all other sinful ways, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen. *[Silence may be kept]*

Assurance

Let's say together the good news from the prophet Micah regarding the forgiveness of sins offered by God –

“Who is a God like you who pardons sin,

and forgives the transgression

of the remnant of his inheritance?

You do not stay angry forever,

but delight to show mercy.” Amen.

Scripture Readings

Psalm: Ps 28

[Open praise/thanksgiving]

OT: Jonah 4 (Sermon)

[Open praise/thanksgiving]

Gospel: Matt 5:13-16

[Open praise/thanksgiving]

Response

**Glory to the Father and to the Son
and to the Holy Spirit;
as it was in the beginning, is now,
and shall be forever. Amen.**

Intercession

By prayer and intercession with thanksgiving, let us make our requests to God, our heavenly Father.

Jesus, light of the world, bring the light and peace of your Gospel to all peoples and nations on the earth. Turn the hearts of leaders to righteousness and change greed into generosity.

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[Open prayer]

Jesus, the way, the truth, the life, bless our country, cities and neighborhoods, especially our Jewish, Muslim and Hindu neighbors, that all may know your extraordinary love and grace.

Local Organization: Crescent Project

[Open prayer]

Jesus, good shepherd of your sheep, lead and guide your church and all who follow you on your way, within our church at PBCC and beyond.

PBCC Missionary: Robert Sondah

[Open prayer]

Jesus, bread of life, provide for those in need: food to the hungry, shelter to the homeless, healing to the sick and hope to the bereaved and imprisoned.

[Open prayer]

To you Lord, able to do immeasurably more than all we ask or imagine, we entrust ourselves and all for whom we pray to your mercy and protection.

The Lord's Prayer

**Our Father in heaven,
Hallowed be your name,
Your kingdom come,
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 lead us not into temptation,
But deliver us from the evil one,
For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours,
Now and forever.
Amen.**