

# Spiritual Practices: Prayer

February 4, 2024

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Assisted listening devices are available at the sound desk at the back of the sanctuary.



## GATHERING

Brethren, We Have Met to Worship  
Jed Sanford, Song Leader  
VT #25

Welcome  
Adrien Keables Hayward

Call to Worship  
VT #853

Opening Prayer

## PRAISING

As I Went Down to the River to Pray  
VT #453

Lord, Listen to Your Children  
VT #682

## CONFESSING

Prayer of Confession and Words of Assurance  
VT #890

Music for Meditation  
Cora and Susan Botts  
"March of the Priests" from *The Magic Flute* (Mozart)

## HEARING GOD'S WORD

Scripture Reading  
Ken G Kabira

Leader: Listen for the Word of the Lord.

**People: Our ears are open.**

Mark 1: 29-39

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

**People: Thanks be to God!**

Sermon: "Wasting Time with God"  
Richard Gehring

Listening for the Spirit

*What a Friend We Have in Jesus*

VT #628

Music for Reflection

Jeremy Botts

*Etude* (Philip Glass)

## CELEBRATING COMMUNION

Instructions and Invitation

Words of Institution

Prayer of Consecration

Sharing the Elements  
(Our bread is gluten-free.)

*Seed, Scattered and Sown*  
VT #477

Prayer of Thanksgiving and Lord's Prayer  
VT #989

## SHARING IN COMMUNITY

Offering Prayer  
VT #1023

Congregational Sharing and Prayer

Leader: Lord, in your mercy/goodness,

**People: hear our prayer.**

Work of the Church

## SENDING

*Seek Ye First*

VT #417

Words of Blessing

## Announcements

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- We'll hold a short **Ash Wednesday service** next Wednesday (Feb 14) at 7:00 PM. Ash Wednesday marks the beginning of the season of Lent. The ashes placed on our foreheads remind us of our fragility and need of repentance as we journey toward Holy Week and Easter.
- Save the date for our **game night** on February 17 at 5:30 PM. Bring your favorite board games to play with your church family. LMC will provide a meal of pizza (including gluten-free and dairy-free varieties), salad, and lemonade. Feel free to bring a snack to share. Questions, contact Mona or Evan R.

# This Week's Activities

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<b>Today</b>	Nursery: Nina Lantz, Melissa Miller	10:00 AM
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	Adult Christian Formation	11:30 AM
	• Topics on LGBTQ+ Inclusion (Sanctuary)	
	• Meditation Class (Office Wing Classroom)	
	Potluck	12:15 PM
	Discernment Planning Informational Meeting	1:15 PM
<u>Serving Today:</u>		
• A/V Technicians: CJ Yoder, Elias Rose • Greeter: Karin Edwards		
• Coffee Host: Hilary Rhodes • Church Opening/Lockup: Lyle B.		
<b>Tue</b>	Contemplative Prayer, via Zoom	7:00 PM
<b>Wed</b>	Women of the Word Bible Study	9:30 AM
	Ministry Team	7:00 PM
<b>Thu</b>	Menno Men	9:30 AM
	Pastoral Care	7:00 PM