



## The Lord's Prayer

**Our God, who art in Heaven, hallowed be Thy name. Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us. Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory forever. Amen.**

\*HYMN                      *When in Our Music God is Glorified*      See pew hymnal #264

## THE GIFT OF THE WORD

SCRIPTURE READING    *Ephesians 5:15-20 Filled with the Spirit*      Gary Cilley

Be careful then how you live, not as unwise people but as wise, making the most of the time, because the days are evil. So do not be foolish, but understand what the will of the Lord is. Do not get drunk with wine, for that is debauchery, but be filled with the Spirit, as you sing psalms and hymns and spiritual songs to one another, singing and making melody to the Lord in your hearts giving thanks to God the Father at all times and for everything in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ.

SERMON                      *Singing and Giving Thanks*                      Pastor Brent

\*HYMN                      *Beneath the Cross of Jesus*                      See pew hymnal #92

## OFFERING OURSELVES AND OUR GIFTS

CALL TO THE OFFERING    Pastor Brent

OFFERTORY    *Precious Lord, Take My Hand, G. Allen/T.A. Dorsey*  
Peter Frost, *tenor*, Hui-Mei Lin, *piano*

\*DOXOLOGY    *Lasst Uns Erfreuen*

**Praise God from whom all blessings flow;  
Praise Christ the Word in flesh born low; Alleluia, Alleluia.  
Praise Holy Spirit evermore; One God, Triune, whom we adore.  
Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia.**

\*BLESSING OF THE GIFTS

BRINGING OUR PRAYERS

PRAYER RESPONSE      *God Be with You Till We Meet Again*  
J.E. Rankin/R.V. Williams; Amy Shake, *soprano*

# GOING FORTH INTO THE WORLD

## BLESSING AND SENDING FOR PETER AND FIMI

Ron Hanft, Elisabeth Bellows, Drea Pecor, Pastor Brent

\*Unison Prayer of Blessing, adapted from the UCC Book of Worship

**God, whose everlasting love for all is trustworthy, help each of us to trust the future which rests in your care. Pour out your care upon Peter and Fimi that their journey may be blessed with grace and peace. We thank you for the time we shared with them and the gifts of beauty and meaning they brought to our lives. Help us to cherish the joys we found together and help us all to let go of the hurts or disappointments that come with all human relationships. Guide us all as we move in new directions until that time to come when we are completely one with you and with each other. We pray in the name of Jesus our source and our destination. Amen**

\*INVITATIONS

\*HYMN *Praise Ye the Lord, the Almighty* See pew hymnal #482

\*BENEDICTION Pastor Brent

BENEDICTION RESPONSE *The Lord bless you and keep you, John Rutter*  
*Amy Shake, soprano; Hui-Mei Lin, piano*

POSTLUDE *Improvisation on Go Down Moses (Spiritual), Peter Frost*

### Music Notes ~ Peter Frost

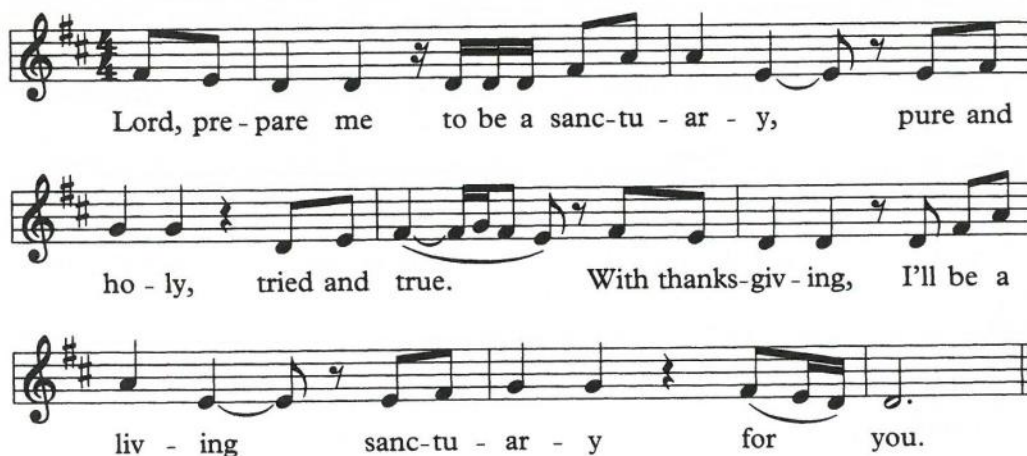
*Precious Lord, Take My Hand*, George N. Allen 1844, Arr. Thomas A. Dorsey, 1938

Though the tune is often credited to Thomas A. Dorsey, the famous American Jazz musician, composer, and Christian evangelist, it is believed that Dorsey wrote this tune heavily influenced by the 1844 tune "Maitland" by George N. Allen. Dorsey wrote over 3000 tunes with about a third of them written in the gospel style. He gained fame accompanying the famous blues singer Ma Rainey. He served as the music director at Chicago's Pilgrim Baptist Church for 50 years. His church music and style was often condemned as it included shouting, clapping, and stomping during the services.

*Precious Lord* was known to be Dr. Martin Luther King's favorite song. It gained greater fame when Dr. King asked Mahalia Jackson to sing it at his rallies to inspire the crowd. At his request, she sang it at his funeral in April of 1968.

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## Sanctuary



Lord, pre - pare me to be a sanc - tu - ar - y, pure and  
 ho - ly, tried and true. With thanks - giv - ing, I'll be a  
 liv - ing sanc - tu - ar - y for you.

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MUSIC: John Thompson and Randy Scruggs

SANCTUARY

Irregular

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*Welcome! We are Open and Affirming, which means that we invite persons of every sexual orientation, gender identification and expression, racial and cultural identity, age, physical ability, economic circumstance, faith background and family structure to share fully in the ministry, leadership and fellowship of this congregation's life in Christ.*

*As followers of Christ and committed to Isaiah's charge to "maintain justice and do what is right," we acknowledge with gratitude and humility that we are learning, speaking, gathering, and worshiping on the ancestral homelands of the Mohican people, who are the indigenous peoples of this land. Despite tremendous hardship in being forced from here, today their community resides in Wisconsin and is known as the Stockbridge-Munsee Community. We pay honor and respect to their ancestors past and present as we commit to building a more inclusive and equitable space for all.*

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