



**COMMUNITY
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GROWING
Disciples in God's Love

SENDING
The Hope and Joy of Jesus

Our Vision: To Be Love to Leisure World

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Sunday Service: 9:50 AM
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November 2, 2025

All Saints Sunday

The COST of Following Jesus

Rev. Johan Dodge



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OPENING ANNOUNCEMENTS — Rev. Johan Dodge

Good Morning and Welcome to Worship! Worship is often the first place that new people come into contact with this growing community of faith. And so, if you are joining us for the first time, I say to you what is said every Sunday: You are welcome here. Here is a place where all are welcome. For such is the love of God for God's Very Good Creation.

[please stand as you are able]

CALL TO WORSHIP: Doxology

Praise God from whom all bless - ings flow; praise God, all crea - tures

here be - low; praise God a - bove, ye Heav'n - ly

host: praise Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost. A - men.

PRAYER OF THE DAY: "The Lord's Prayer" — Virginia Olejnik

**Our Father, Who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name;
Thy kin-dom 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;
And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kin-dom, and the power, and the glory forever. Amen.**



HYMN: "This Is a Day of New Beginnings"

1. This is a day of new be - gin-nings, Time to re - mem - ber
 2. For by the life and death of Je - sus, God's might - y Spir - it,
 3. Then let us, with the Spir - it's dar - ing, step from the past and

and move on, Time to be - lieve what love is bring - ing,
 now as then, can make for us a world of dif - frence,
 leave be - hind our dis - ap - point - ment, guilt, and griev - ing,

Lay - ing to rest the pain that's gone.
 as faith and hope are born a - gain. 4. Christ is a - live, and
 Seek - ing new paths, and sure to find.

goes be - fore us, to show and share what love can do. This is a

day of new be - gin-nings; Our God is mak - ing all things new.

[please be seated]

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION — Rev. Johan Dodge

Let us pray for the world and all in need, saying,
God, in your Spirit, **hear our prayer.**

Author of all mercy, we give you thanks for your goodness and loving kindness to us and to all whom you have made. We praise you especially for your immeasurable love of the world and your hope in the ultimate reign of peace.
God, in your Spirit, **hear our prayer.**

We pray for the people following The Way of Love throughout the world, for new congregations wherever they are gathered; for missionaries, seminaries, for architects and landscapers; for funeral directors and those who care for cemeteries. Make us generous toward our siblings who live and breathe in your Way.
God, in your Spirit, **hear our prayer.**

For those who wield earthly power, for those who lead and those who follow, that they may be moved by the image of your people, followers of Jesus, children of God, diverse and sometimes in disagreement but living together in harmony, a vision of the common good to which all nations might aspire.
God, in your Spirit, **hear our prayer.**

For those persecuted for the sake of loving-kindness and those weighed down by trial and distress, that the example of the saints may give them courage and the help of believers give them hope.
God, in your Spirit, **hear our prayer.**

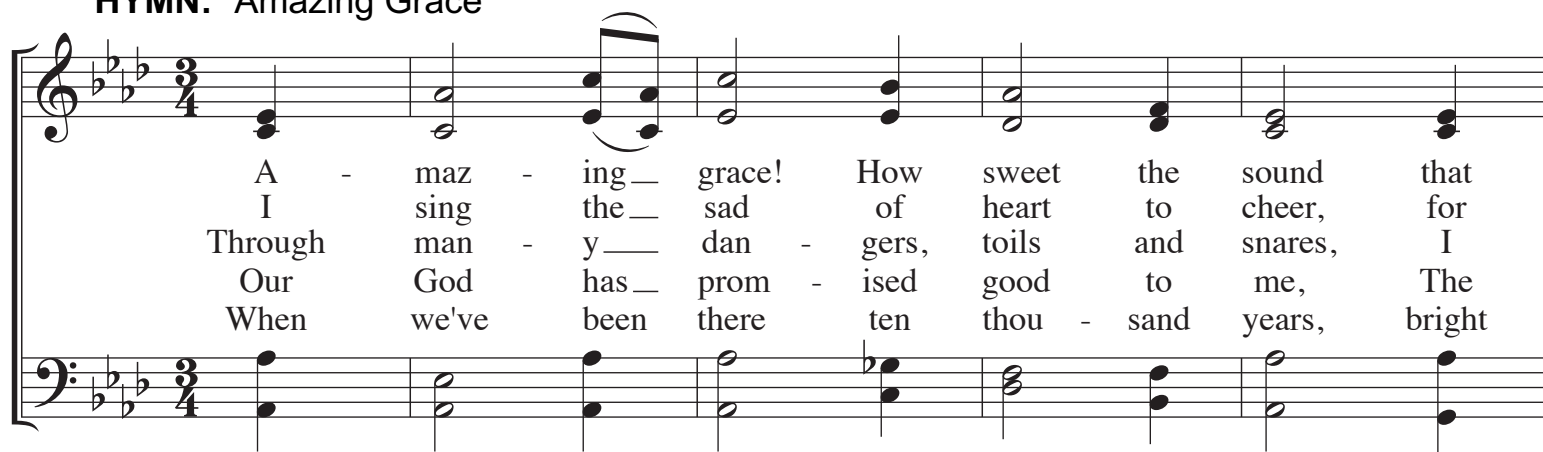
For this assembly gathered to celebrate the Eucharist in communion with the church in heaven and throughout the world, that nourished by the Word of truth and the Bread of life, we may bear witness in our own generation to the timeless Good News of Jesus.
God, in your Spirit, **hear our prayer.**

For all who are in need: for those who are in prison, those awaiting trial, those facing surgery, all who lack medical help, those who have no work, those who have no food, those who work for too little pay, the unhoused, and the ill.
God, in your Spirit, **hear our prayer.**

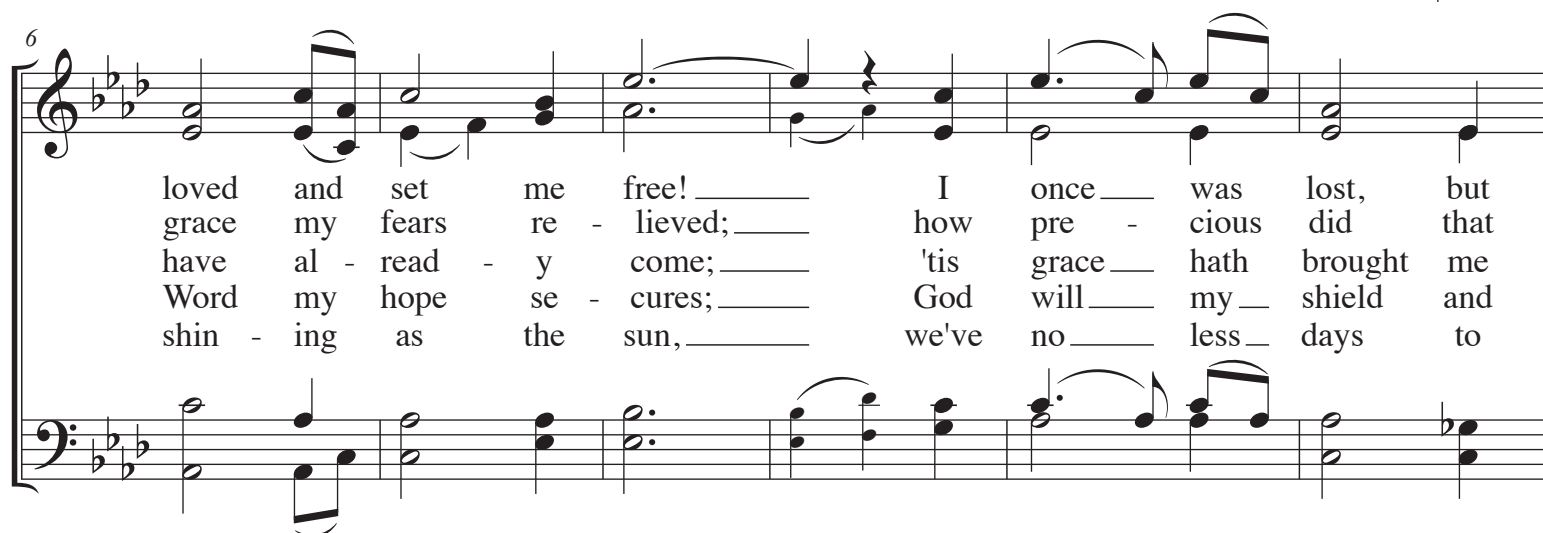
Into your hands, Dear God, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting that for these and for us, your care is constant and your heart is open; through Jesus Christ, and the Holy Spirit, now and forever. **Amen.**

[please stand as you are able]

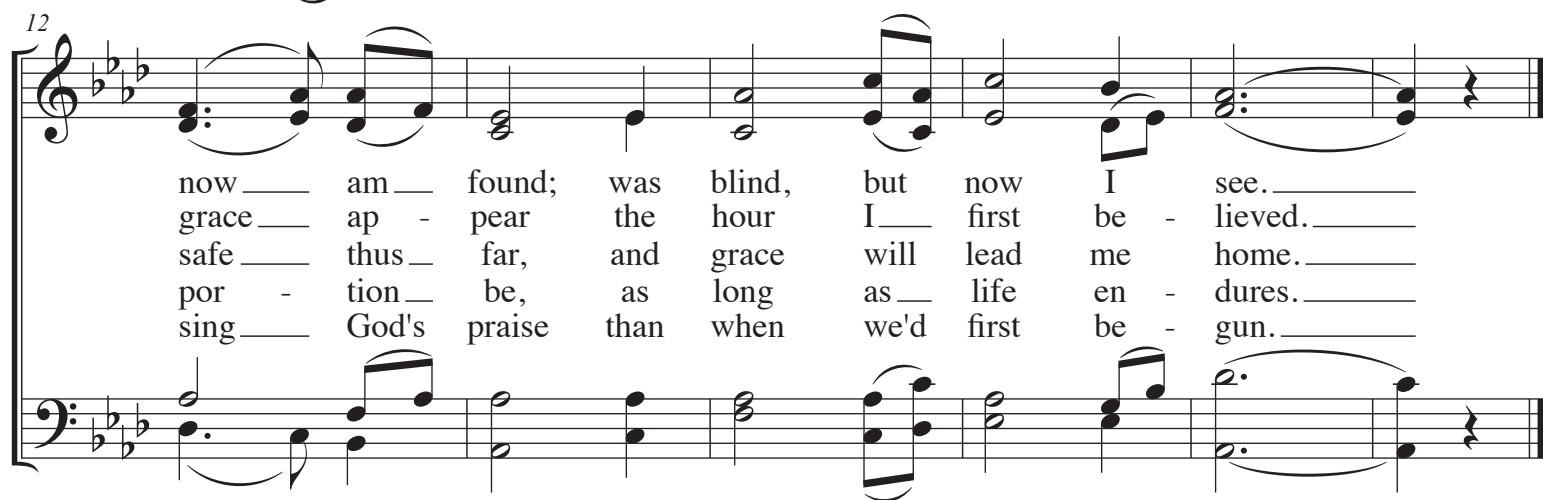
HYMN: "Amazing Grace"



A - maz - ing — grace! How sweet the sound that
 I sing the — sad of heart to cheer, for
 Through man - y — dan - gers, toils and snares, I
 Our God has — prom - ised good to me, The
 When we've been there ten thou - sand years, bright



loved and set me free! — I once — was lost, but
 grace my fears re - lieved; — how pre - cious did that
 have al - read - y come; — 'tis grace — hath brought me
 Word my hope se - cures; — God will — my — shield and
 shin - ing as the sun, — we've no — less — days to



now — am — found; was blind, but now I see. —
 grace — ap - pear the hour I — first be - lieved. —
 safe — thus — far, and grace will lead me home. —
 por - tion — be, as long as — life en - dures. —
 sing — God's praise than when we'd first be - gun. —

[please be seated]

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION — Virginia Olejnik

Pour out your Spirit upon us, O God; with your Word enlighten the eyes of our hearts, that we might live in hope; through Jesus the Christ who showed us the Way. **Amen.**

SCRIPTURE — Virginia Olejnik

Luke 19:1-10

Jesus and Zacchaeus

^{19:1} He entered Jericho and was passing through it. ² A man was there named Zacchaeus; he was a chief tax collector and was rich. ³ He was trying to see who Jesus was, but on account of the crowd he could not, because he was short in stature. ⁴ So he ran ahead and climbed a sycamore tree to see him, because he was going to pass that way. ⁵ When Jesus came to the place, he looked up and said to him, “Zacchaeus, hurry and come down, for I must stay at your house today.” ⁶ So he hurried down and was happy to welcome him. ⁷ All who saw it began to grumble and said, “He has gone to be the guest of one who is a sinner.” ⁸ Zacchaeus stood there and said to the Lord, “Look, half of my possessions, Lord, I will give to the poor, and if I have defrauded anyone of anything, I will pay back four times as much.” ⁹ Then Jesus said to him, “Today salvation has come to this house, because he, too, is a son of Abraham. ¹⁰ For the Son of Man came to seek out and to save the lost.”

MESSAGE: “The Cost of Following Jesus” — Rev. Johan Dodge

QUESTIONS FOR REFLECTION — Rev. Johan Dodge

What have you given up to follow Jesus? What have you received from others, that they have given up to follow Jesus? Who are the Saints in your life? How might you be a saint to today?

REFLECTION: “There Is a Road” — John Fluker, *pianist (playing his own composition)*

THE LORD’S SUPPER | HOLY COMMUNION | THE EUCHARIST:

We offer both white and red grape juice. If you are afraid of spilling red grape juice, a limited number of cups with white grape juice are provided.

INVITATION TO COMMUNION — Rev. Johan Dodge

Here at Community Church we celebrate “Open” Communion. Anyone who wishes to participate may receive these gifts. The teachings of Jesus have revealed this divine truth, we are already created by God in the image of God as God’s Very Good Creation and while we are not perfect and we each have room for improvement, our focus should be on doing better rather than beating ourselves up for where we have fallen short. If you are joining us for the first time, know this to participate — You need not belong to this or any church; God invites all people to this meal. It is enough to be present and want to be more. This is what God asks us to do. To receive these gifts, to be transformed, and to go from this place to live, and never be the same again.

The Source of All Love be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them up in Love.

Let us give thanks to the God of Life.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

[Ushers, please come forward and distribute the elements]

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Almighty God, creator of heaven and earth.

Before the mountains were brought forth, or you had formed the earth, from everlasting to everlasting, you alone are God. You created light out of darkness and brought forth life on the earth. You formed us in your image and breathed into us the breath of life. When we turned away from your way of love, and our love for you and your creation failed, your love for us remained steadfast.

And so, with your people on earth and all the company of heaven we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly God, Source of Light and Love, _____

9 Heav - en and Earth are full of your glo - ry. _____ Ho - san - na in the

16 high - est, _____ Bless - ed is the one who comes in the name of Love. _____

23 _____ Ho - san - na in the high - est, _____ ho - san - na in the high - est.

Holy are you and blessed is your Son Jesus Christ. Your Spirit anointed him to preach good news to the poor, to proclaim release to the captives, and recovering of sight to the blind, to set at liberty those who are oppressed, and to announce that the time had come when you would save your people.

He healed the sick, fed the hungry, and ate with sinners. By his teachings and practice of your way of love, he knit together this new body we call the church.

He prayed that we might be one, as he is one with you, and he asked that we might be known by the love we have for one another.

On the night in which he gave himself up for us, he took bread, gave thanks to you, broke the bread, gave it to his disciples, and said: "Take, eat; we are one body as we share in the bread together. Do this in remembrance of me."

When the supper was over, he took the cup, gave thanks to you, gave it to his disciples, and said: "Drink from this, all of you; this is the cup of the new covenant, a ongoing sign of God's love for you and all of God's very good creation. Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me."

And so, in remembrance of these your teachings and acts of love in Jesus Christ, we recommit ourselves to your way of love and pledge to live by the leading of your Holy Spirit. As we proclaim the mystery of faith.

Repeat after Cantor:



Christ was born, Christ is liv-ing, Christ is born a-gain.

Pour out your Holy Spirit on us gathered here, and on these gifts of bread and fruit of the vine. Make them be for us the symbols of your love and desire for us to be your body knit together to build the new creation, your preferred future for us.

By your Spirit help the body of Christ be one. Help the left hand and the right hand work as one in ministry to all the world. Help the eyes and the ears sense your present and coming kin-dom. Bring the blessing of the diversity of the body to bear fruit until Christ comes in final victory and we feast at his heavenly banquet.

Through your Son Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit in your holy church, all honor and glory is yours, Almighty God, now and forever. Amen.

THE SHARING OF THE BREAD:

Because there is one loaf, we, who are many, are one body, for we all partake of the one loaf.

THE SHARING OF THE CUP:

The bread which we have eaten is a sharing in the bread of Christ. The cup over which we give thanks is the sharing in the cup of Christ.

UNISON PRAYER:

Eternal God, we give you thanks for this holy mystery in which you have given yourself to us. Since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, strengthen us to run with perseverance the race that is set before us, looking to Jesus, the Pioneer and Perfecter of our faith.

Renew our communion with all your saints, especially those whom we name before you —

Marv Jahn	– Absent from the Body, present in Love.
Don Roe	– Absent from the Body, present in Love.
Renee Thornton	– Absent from the Body, present in Love.
Jim O’Conner	– Absent from the Body, present in Love.
Connie Young	– Absent from the Body, present in Love.

By your Spirit make us one with Christ, one with each other, and one in ministry to all the world, until Christ comes in final victory, and we feast at his heavenly banquet. Through your Son Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit in your holy Church, all honor and glory is yours, almighty God, now and forever. Amen.

INVITATION TO THE OFFERING — Virginia Olejnik

With gratitude for God’s blessings through the power at work in Christ Jesus, we gather now the gifts of the church for the sake of the gospel.

[Ushers, please come forward]

OFFERTORY: “Thy Word” — Dave Albulario, *tenor*

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING — Virginia Olejnik

Holy One, all that we have comes from you. You bless our lives with the companionship of your people, the freedom that comes from forgiveness of sin, the joy of thanksgiving for Earth and all its bounty. Turn us toward those in need, in the name of the one who gave himself for us, Jesus Christ, our Savior. Amen.

[please stand as you are able]

HYMN: “Let There Be Peace on Earth”

The image shows the first two staves of a hymn in 3/4 time. The first staff contains the melody for the first line of the hymn, and the second staff contains the melody for the second line. The lyrics are written below the notes.

Let there be peace on Earth, and let it be - gin with me. _____

Let there be peace on Earth, the peace that was meant to be. _____

16 With God, our Cre - a - tor, we are fam - i - ly.

25 Let us walk with each oth - er in per - fect har - mo - ny.

33 Let peace be - gin with me, let this be the mo - ment now;

41 With ev - 'ry step I take, let this be my sol - emn vow: To

49 take each mo - ment and live each mo - ment in peace e - ter - nal - ly;

57 Let there be peace on Earth, and let it be - gin with me.

BLESSING — Rev. Johan Dodge

The God of our Lord Jesus Christ give you a spirit of wisdom and revelation to live in hope today and always. **Amen.**

SENDING FORTH: "Blest Be the Tie that Binds"

Blest be the tie that binds Our hearts in Chris - tian love: The

fel - low - ship of kin - dred minds Is like to that a - bove. A - men.

Music Team: Dave Albulario, *Tenor / Music Dir.*
John Fluker, *Pianist*

Jennifer Rudy, *Soprano*
Hannah Yi, *Pianist*

Doxology (*Old Hundredth LM*)
Music by Louis Bourgeois, 1551
Words by Thomas Ken, 1674

"This Is a Day of New Beginnings"
Music by Carlton Raymond Young;
Words by Brian Wren

"Amazing Grace"
Tune: *NEW BRITAIN* Anonymous;
Words by John Newton,
paired with music by William Walker

"Just As I Am"
An original song by John Fluker

"Thy Word"
Words and Music by Michael W. Smith
and Amy Grant; © 1997 Ariose Music and
Mountain Spring Music

"Let There Be Peace on Earth"
Music & Words by Sy Miller & Jill Jackson
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Lee Music, Beverly Hills, California

"Blest Be the Tie That Binds" (Dennis SM)
Music by Johann G. Nægeli, 1768-1836
Words by John Fawcett, 1740-1817
Arr. by Lowell Mason, 1792-1872

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PRAYER REQUESTS

new Connie Young – Connie passed away the morning of Thursday, October 30, 2025. Prayers of peaceful rest for her, and strength for her husband Jay and family. Watch this space for memorial service information.

update Linda & Lewis Hildreth – Linda and Lewis are no longer accepting personal phone calls. If you would like to visit, call caregivers Josie or Jesús at 714-373-1218. Cards may be sent to *Home on Cascade, 15311 Cascade Lane, Huntington Beach, CA 92647*. Linda begins a new type of chemotherapy this week. Prayers for continued medical progress, and general good health and comfort.

Taylor White – Continued prayers of comfort for Taylor, who is at *Harrison's Board & Care, 2932 Channing Way, Los Alamitos, CA 90720*. Cards and visits are welcome. Text her daughter Hilary at 562-225-7401 to schedule visits. She loves her Prayer Shawl, and enjoys songs, readings for joy, and spiritual comfort.



NOTES AND ANNOUNCEMENTS:

FLOWERS and **FELLOWSHIP**: Today's flowers and Fellowship refreshments are provided by Mo Ashley. See the sign-up charts to provide refreshments or cover the cost of altar flowers for future services. Altar flowers are \$35. See Sandy Walker to coordinate the arrangements.

MISSIONS TEAM: The Missions Team meeting is rescheduled for **TODAY**, Sunday, November 2nd, immediately following Worship & Fellowship. Please grab a snack and a coffee or tea and gather in the Church Office Conference Room.

SOCK-IT-TO-'EM: Our Veterans Day "Sock It to 'Em" sock drive continues! Please bring *new* packages of men's and women's **white athletic socks** to Sunday Worship or to the church office during the week (*FYI: Kohl's has a Veterans Day Sale this week!*). If you prefer, you may also provide a cash/check offering toward the purchase of socks. They will be given to the Veterans Administration for distribution the week of Veterans Day (Nov 11th).

A COURSE IN MIRACLES: "A Course in Miracles" continues Tuesday, November 4th at 1:00 PM in the Music Room. Our FREE weekly discussion of the book "A Course in Miracles" by Dr. Kenneth Wapnick, is summed up: **"Nothing real can be threatened. Nothing unreal exists. Herein lies the peace of God."** The book is accessible for FREE at www.miraclecenter.org. More information on the book at www.acim.org.

COFFEE WITH PASTOR: Enjoy "Coffee with Pastor" this Thursday, November 6th at 10 AM. Join Pastor Johan and other members of our congregation for a relaxed time to discuss any questions you may have, current events, or just to get something off your chest. Come share coffee & conversation.

NEED A BIBLE or DEVOTIONAL?: Free Bibles on the small bookshelf in the narthex. Free Devotional Books outside the Library. *Help yourself!*



JIM & LOIS DIMOS: Jim & Lois send their gratitude to all who were able to attend their **20th Anniversary Celebration**: *"What a joyful blessing to renew our vows and enjoy the celebration surrounded by the love and fellowship of our church community. Your gifts raised \$500.00 for LWCC. We are overjoyed and our hearts are full. Thank you all!"*

RECENT LWCC WORSHIP ATTENDANCE:

October 5th: 44 | October 12th: 27 | October 19th: 34 | October 26th: 38

November 2, 2025



GROW PRAY STUDY

Notes from the Service

My Prayers this week:

Prayer Journal

Use this prayer in your time with God each day.

Household Prayer: Morning

God of Blessing, thank you for a new day to live for you.
In the company of all the saints in heaven and on earth,
I rise to sing your praise.

Make me a worthy companion of my ancestors in faith,
and let me love others as I have been loved.

Amen.

*Consider The Upper Room Daily Devotional
as a resource for Midday Prayer.*

Household Prayer: Evening

Creator of the stars of night, thank you for the gift of rest.
Forgive what wrong I have done today,
and heal any wounds I have caused.

Grant me, I pray, a peaceful rest, that I may rise with
the sun to serve you with joy.

Amen.