

**A WEEKLY
GUIDE TO
PRAYER---
YEAR B
(2021)**

A WEEKLY GUIDE TO PRAYER

(This weekly guide to prayer may be used by an individual for personal daily devotion or by prayer groups in retreat)

December 28, 2020-January 3, 2021 (W/Go)
Theme 6: We are God’s Children

I. Opening Prayer

Dear God, my life with all its doubts and fears lie before your gaze. Look upon it and cause everything that may hinder my ministry and my work to fall away, to render service as your child and to be a blessing to your children, for the sake of those I serve in your name. Amen.

II. Passage of Praise Psalm 72:1-7, 10-14 (UMH 795)

III. Daily Bible Readings

December 28, Monday	John 15:12-16
December 29, Tuesday	2 Peter 1:3-11
December 30, Wednesday	Isaiah 56:1-8
December 31, Thursday (Watch Night; New Year’s Eve; W/Go)	Romans 8:31-39
January 1, Friday	Ecclesiastes 3:1-13; Psalm 8 (UMH 743)
(New Year’s Day)	Revelations 21:1-6a; Matthew 25:31-

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January 2, Saturday	1 Peter 2:1-10
January 3, Sunday	Isaiah 60:1-6
(Epiphany Sunday)	Ephesians 3:1-12
2 nd Sunday after Christmas	Matthew 2:1-12

IV. Moments of Reflection: Silent and/or written

V. Sweet Hour of Prayer: Personal and/or intercessory

VI. Hymns: It Came Upon a Midnight Clear (UMH218)/Away In a Manger (UMH 217)

VII. Closing Prayer

We praise you, dear God. We thank you for your goodness, mercy, and the gift of your son. May we live as your chosen. May we act as your children. In the name of Christ Jesus. Amen.

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January 4-10, 2021 (W/Go)

Theme 7: Jesus, Son of God

I. Opening Prayer

We could hardly comprehend that you are mindful of us when we are not at all worthy because of our manifold sins. We cannot understand how you can love us, even send your most Beloved Son for our sake. There was rejoicing among the heavenly hosts when he came to us as an infant, but there was grieving in creation when he was tortured, nailed to the cross, and murdered. All this for our sake.

Accept this our heartfelt plea for your forgiveness, and enable us to reach, touch, even just the tip of your throne of grace for our assurance. In your most Blessed Son with the continued assistance of the Holy Spirit, we pray. Amen.

-Querubin D. Canlas, September/2007

II. Passage of Praise

Psalm 29 (UMH 761)

III. Daily Bible Readings

January 4, Monday

Mark 1:21-28

January 5, Tuesday

John 5:19-25

January 6, Tuesday

Isaiah 60:1-6; Psalm 72:1-7, 10-14 (UMH 795)

Epiphany

Ephesians 3:1-12; Matthew

2:1-12

January 7, Thursday

Luke 10:1, 3, 17-24

January 8, Friday

Hebrews 1:1-13

January 9, Saturday

1 John 4:13-17

January 10, Sunday

Genesis 1:1-5

(1st Sunday after Epiphany)

Acts 19:1-7

(Baptism of the Lord)

Mark 1:4-11

IV. Reflection Silent and/or written

V. Sweet Hour of Prayer: Personal/intercessory

VI. Hymns: Praise to the Lord, the Almighty (UMH 139)/Jesus Shall Reign (UMH 157)

VII. Closing Prayer:

May the indwelling of the Triune God in our lives – in our minds and in our hearts – be ours not only now, but for always. In the name of the Father, of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

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January 11-17, 2021 (G)

Theme 8: A New Life with Jesus Christ

I. Opening Prayer

We could hardly comprehend that you are mindful of us when we are not at all worthy because of our manifold sins. We cannot understand how you can love us, even send your most Beloved Son for our sake. There was rejoicing among the heavenly hosts when he came to us as an infant, but there was grieving in creation when he was tortured, nailed to the cross, and murdered. All this for our sake.

Accept this our heartfelt plea for your forgiveness, and enable us to reach, touch, even just the tip of your throne of grace for our assurance. In your most Blessed Son with the continued assistance of the Holy Spirit, we pray. Amen.

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II. Passage of Praise: Psalm 139:1-6, 13-18 (UMH 854)

III Daily Bible Readings

January 11, Monday	John 1:35-45
January 12, Tuesday	Matthew 4:18-22
January 13, Wednesday	Luke 9:23-26, 57-62
January 14, Thursday	Matthew 10:34-42
January 15, Friday	Matthew 11:25-30
January 16, Saturday	Matthew 20:1-16
January 17, Sunday	1 Samuel 3:1-10, (11-20)
(2 nd Sunday after Epiphany)	1 Corinthians 6:12-20
Human Relations Day	John 1:43-51

IV. Moments of Reflection: Silent and/or written

V. Sweet Hour of Prayer: Personal/intercessory

VI. Hymns: Many Gifts, One Spirit (UMH 114)/Great Is Thy Faithfulness (UMH 140)

VII. Closing Prayer

The God of all mercies – the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit – embrace you and enable you to live victoriously in and through obedience to His leading. Amen.

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January 18-24, 2021 (G)

Theme 9: We are Called to Ministry

I. Opening Prayer

It is within your infinite presence where we always are, because you fill all space – on earth and in that awesome beyond, which is but in your bosom. We cannot help feeling awed by this truth, Almighty God. And yet this, or any other thing, cannot compare with your mighty act in the person of your Son Jesus Christ our Lord whom you gave to us unreservedly.

We acknowledge all this with joyful wonder as we lift up our hearts in eternal praise, adoration and worship. Reward us this moment with the healing warmth of your Spirit, and lead us away from this sanctuary ready to do your bidding. Amen.

-Querubin D. Canlas, September/2007

II. Passage of Praise

Psalm 62:5-12 (UMH 787)

III Daily Bible Readings

January 18, Monday

Isaiah 6:1-8

January 19, Tuesday

Luke 5:1-11

January 20, Wednesday

Luke 8:1-3

January 21, Thursday

Acts 9:1-22

January 22, Friday

1 Corinthians 1:26-31

January 23, Saturday

John 21:15-19

January 24, Sunday

Jonah 3:1-5, 10

(3rd Sunday after Epiphany)

1 Corinthians 7:29-31

Ecumenical Sunday

Mark 1:14-20

IV. Moments of Reflection: Silent and/or written

V. Sweet Hour of Prayer: Personal/intercessory

VI. Hymns: O For a Thousand Tongues to Sing (UMH 57)/Jesus Calls Us (UMH 398)

VII. Closing Prayer

The blessings, joy, and peace from our loving and caring God we now claim to keep us into His fold, to serve Him – who is Father, Son, and Holy Spirit – and even His Church and our fellow human beings. Amen.

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January 25-31, 2021 (G)

Theme 10: God's Word...With Us

I. Opening Prayer

Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hidden. Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy name, through Christ our Lord. Amen.

-The Collect, the Book of Worship

II. Passage of Praise:

Psalm 111 (UMH 832)

III. Daily Bible Readings

January 25, Monday

Matthew 18:1-5

January 26, Tuesday

Matthew 15:1-20

January 27, Wednesday

Matthew 10:32-42

January 28, Thursday

Matthew 5:1-12

January 29, Friday

Matthew 5:13-16

January 30, Saturday

Matthew 6:9-13

January 31, Sunday

Deuteronomy 18:15-20

(4th Sunday after the Epiphany)

1 Corinthians 8:1-13

Mark 1:21-28

IV. Moments of Reflection: Silent and/or written

V. Sweet hour of Prayer: Personal and/or intercessory

VI. Hymns: Be Thou My Vision (UMH 451)/Jesus Is All the World to Me (UMH 469)

VII. Closing Prayer

The Lord bless you and keep you; the Lord make his face to shine upon you, and be gracious to you; the Lord lift up his countenance upon you, and give you peace. Amen.

-Numbers 6:24-26

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February 1-7, 2021 (G)

Theme 11: God, our source of strength

I. Opening Prayer

Almighty and everlasting God, in whom we live and move and have our being, you created us for yourself, so that our hearts are restless until they find rest in you. Grant to us such piety of heart and strength of purpose that no selfish passion may hinder us from knowing your will, and no weakness from doing it. In your light may we see life clearly and in your service find perfect freedom; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

-The Book of Worship 1965, ALT.

II. Passage of Praise:

Psalm 147:1-11, 20c (UMH 859)

III. Daily Bible Readings

February 1, Monday

1 Chronicles 29:10-13

February 2, Tuesday

Psalm 27:1-3

February 3, Wednesday

Psalm 46:1-3

February 4, Thursday

Psalm 138:1-3

February 5, Friday

Isaiah 49:1-5

February 6, Saturday

2 Corinthians 12:9-10

February 7, Sunday

Isaiah 40:21-31

(5th Sunday after Epiphany)

1 Corinthians 9:16-23

Mark 1:29-39

IV. Moments of Reflection: Silent and/or written

V. Sweet Hour of Prayer: Personal and/or intercessory

VI. Hymns: I Know Whom I Have Believed (UMH 714)/We've a Story to Tell to the Nations (UMH 569)

VII. Closing Prayer

May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, so that you may abound in hope by the power of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

-Romans 15:13

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February 8-14, 2021 (W)

Theme 15: God's Word...In Us

I. Opening Prayer

Our heavenly Father, we your humble children invoke your blessings on us. We adore you, whose name is love, whose nature is compassion, whose presence is joy, whose Word is truth, whose Spirit is goodness, whose holiness is beauty, whose will is peace, whose service is perfect freedom, and in knowledge of whom stands our eternal life. Unto you be all honor and all glory; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

-The Book of Worship 1944, ALT.

II. Passage of Praise: Psalm 50:1-6 (UMH 783)

III. Daily Bible Readings

February 8, Monday	Matthew 18:1-5
February 9, Tuesday	Matthew 15:1-20
February 10 Wednesday	Matthew 10:32-42
February 11, Thursday	Matthew 5:1-12
February 12, Friday	Matthew 5:13-16
February 13, Saturday	Matthew 6:9-13
February 14, Sunday	2 Kings 2:1-12
(6 th /Last Sunday after the Epiphany)	2 Corinthians 4:3-6
Transfiguration/Scouting Ministries Sunday	Mark 9:2-9
Valentine's Day	

IV. Moments of Reflection: Silent and/or written

V. Sweet hour of Prayer: Personal and/or intercessory

VI. Hymns: O For a Thousand Tongues to Sing(UMH 57)/Immortal, Invincible God Only Wise (UMH 103)

VII. Closing Prayer

May the love and presence of the Father, the care and community of the Holy Spirit, and the hope and faith in Jesus Christ abide in us all, now and forevermore. Amen.

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February 15-21, 2021 (P)

Theme 16: God Forgive Us, Your Children

I. Opening Prayer

O God, in mystery and silence you are present in our lives, bringing new life out of destruction, hope out of despair, growth out of difficulty. We thank you that you do not leave us alone but labor to make us whole. Help us to perceive your unseen hand in the unfolding of our lives, and to attend to the gentle guidance of your Spirit, that we may know the joy you give your people. Amen.

-Ruth Duck U.S.A., 20th Cent.

II. Passage of Praise: Psalm 25:1-10 (UMH 756)

III. Daily Bible Readings

February 15, Monday

1 Peter 3:18-22

February 16, Tuesday

Romans 9:19-29

February 17, Wednesday

Joel 2:1-2, 12-17; Psalm 51:1-17

(Ash Wednesday)

2 Cor. 5:20b-6:10; Matt. 6:1-6, 16-21

February 18, Thursday

Acts 9:1-30

February 19, Friday

Psalm 25:4-10

February 20, Saturday

Mark 1:9-15

February 21, Sunday

Genesis 9:8-17

(1st Sunday in Lent)

1 Peter 3:18-22

Mark 1:9-15

IV. Moments of Reflection: Silent and/or written

V. Sweet Hour of Prayer: Personal and/or intercessory

VI. Hymns: Take Time to be Holy (UMH 395)/Sweet Hour of Prayer (UMH 496)

VII. Closing Prayer

Almighty God, whose love allowed Jesus to be with human beings, whose mercy allows forgiveness of all our sins, affording us the way to eternity in your awesome

presence, dismiss us now with strength and power to serve you and our fellow human beings. In the mighty name of Jesus, we pray. Amen.

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February 22-28, 2021 (P)

Theme 17: Ministry and Sacrifice

I. Opening Prayer

Our Heavenly Father, open our hearts, minds, our very senses and being, through the power of the Holy Spirit to allow us to perceive your presence in our midst. Prepare us for this hour of devotion in the name of Jesus. Amen

II. Passage of Praise: Psalm 22:23-31 (UMH 752)

III. Daily Bible readings:

February 22, Monday	Isaiah 6
February 23, Tuesday	John 13:1-20
February 24, Wednesday	Matthew 10:5-15
February 25, Thursday	Acts 6:1-15
February 26, Friday	James 1:12-18
February 27, Saturday	1 Peter 2:18-25
February 28, Sunday	Genesis 17:1-7, 15-16
(2 nd Sunday in Lent)	Romans 4:13-25
	Mark 8:31-38

IV. Moments of Reflection: Silent and/or written

V. Sweet Hour of Prayer: Personal and/or intercessory

VI. Hymns: Holy! Holy! Holy! Lord God Almighty (UMH 64) /O God, Our Help in Ages Past (UMH 117)

VII. Closing Prayer:

May our God who is constantly and faithfully abiding in us grant us harmony with one another and oneness with Jesus Christ, that together as a community of faith we may serve our sisters and brothers in humility and love. In the name of our Savior we pray. Amen.

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March 1-7, 2021 (P)

Theme 18: Love Amidst Longing

I. Opening Prayer

God of love and life, we come before your mighty and awesome presence. In the middle of a sea of humanity we feel the pangs of longing. We discern our need for your indwelling. Be with us, Lord, and bless us with your Spirit. In the name of Jesus we pray. Amen.

II. Passage of Praise: Psalm 19 (UMH 750)

III. Daily Bible Readings

March 1, Monday	Psalm 63:1-8
March 2, Tuesday (John Wesles d./1791)	Isaiah 57:15-19
March 3, Wednesday	Psalm 103:1-5
March 4, Thursday	John 6:22-40
March 5, Friday (World Day of Prayer)	1 Corinthians 13:1-7
March 6, Saturday	Psalm 84
March 7, Sunday	Exodus 20:1-17
(3 rd Sunday in Lent)	1 Corinthians 1:18-25
Women's History Month/	John 2:13-22

IV. Moments of Reflection: Silent and/or written

V. Sweet Hour of Prayer: Personal and/or intercessory

VI. Hymns: Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee (UMH 89)/The King of Love My Shepherd Is (UMH 138)

VII. Closing Prayer

O Lord, our God, whose mercy saves all who have faith in the Son, empower us through your love, that we who long for your presence may find everlasting life. In the name of Jesus we pray. Amen.

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March 8-14, 2021 (P)

Theme 19: Succor Amidst Suffering

I. Opening Prayer

O God, you manifest to us in truth, in love, in wisdom, in justice, and in love. Join us in this time of prayer and devotion, that we may feel the wonder and joy of your presence, and by the power of your Spirit, lead us into a joyous encounter with the Son. In Jesus name we pray. Amen.

II. Passage of Praise: Psalm 107:1-3, 17-22 (UMH 830)

III. Daily Bible Readings

March 8, Monday	Luke 15:1-3, 11-32
March 9, Tuesday	Ephesians 2:1-10
March 10, Wednesday	Luke 8:40-56
March 11, Thursday	Psalm 137:1-6
March 12, Friday	Joshua 24:14-15
March 13, Saturday	Psalm 34:1-8
March 14, Sunday	Numbers 21:4-9
(4 th Sunday in Lent)	Ephesians 2:1-10
UMCOR/One Great Hour of Sharing	John 3:14-21
Scouting Ministries (alt)/DST	

IV. Moments of Reflection: Silent and/or written

V. Sweet Hour of Prayer: Personal and/or intercessory

VI. Hymns: He Leadeth Me: O Blessed Thought (UMH 128)/Open My Eyes That I May See (UMH 454)

VII. Closing Prayer

O Lord, you who have afforded relief in times of pain, help in times of need, aid in times of want, bless us now with the empowerment of your Spirit, that we may be your channels of the same to others who are in distress. Through Jesus Christ we pray. Amen.

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March 15-21, 2021 (P)

Theme 20: A New Life

I. Opening Prayer

O God of knowledge, life, and love; we come before you in praise and thanksgiving. Amidst distress and grief we ask and plead for your presence. Be with us to guide and inspire us in this devotion. May our acts of piety and devotion be pleasing to you. In the name of Jesus. Amen

II. Passage of Praise: Psalm 51:1-12 (UMH 785)

III. Daily Bible Readings

March 15, Monday	Jeremiah 31:31-34
March 16, Tuesday	1 Corinthians 15:1-28
March 17, Wednesday	John 12:20-26
March 18, Thursday	Philippians 3:12-31
March 19, Friday	Colossians 3:1-11
March 20, Saturday (Spring)	Colossians 3:12-25
March 21, Sunday	Jeremiah 31:31-34
(5 th Sunday in Lent)	Hebrews 5:5-10
	John 12:20-33

IV. Moments of Reflection: Silent and/or written

V. Sweet Hour of Prayer: Personal and/or intercessory

VI. Hymns: Lord of the Dance (UMH261)/This Is a Day of New Beginnings (UMH 383)

VII. Closing Prayer

Our Lord of Heaven, truly we can only approach in praise, in thanks for your manifest goodness and mercy. You have given us new life and the opportunity to be with you in eternity. While we are still here in this world, guide us to be like your Son in doing good for our fellow men and women and allow us your Holy Spirit in the perfecting of our beings. In the name of Jesus we pray. Amen

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March 22-28, 2021 (P/R)

Theme 21: Betrayal and Praise/ The Passion: Peace Amidst Pain!

I. Opening Prayer

We praise you God, we thank you Lord! You have blessed us with much but, more often than not, we turn our backs on you in the midst of your goodness and love. Allow us your presence as we recall the ups and downs of our relationship with your Son, our source of hope and strength. In the name of Jesus Christ. Amen.

II. Passage of Praise: (Palm)* Psalm 118:1-2, 19-29 (UMH 839)
(Passion) Psalm 31:9-16 (UMH 764)

III. Daily Bible Readings

March 22, Monday	Psalm 22:9-23
March 23, Tuesday	Mark 11:1-10
March 24, Wednesday	Psalm 31:19-23
March 25, Thursday	Isaiah 53:1-6
March 26, Friday	Isaiah 53:7-9
March 27, Saturday	Isaiah 53:10-12
March 28, Sunday	Isaiah 50:4-9a
Passion/Palm Sunday	Philippians 2:5-11
	Mark 14/1-15:47 or Mark 15:1-39 (40-47)/Mark 11:1-11*

IV. Moments of Reflection: Silent and/or written

V. Sweet Hour of Prayer: Personal and/or intercessory

VI. Hymns: Rejoice, Ye Pure in Heart (UMH 160)/Tell Me the Stories of Jesus (UMH 277)

VII. Closing Prayer

Praise your Holy Name! O God, you gave us your Son as atonement of our sins. Forgive us our betrayal of him. Be merciful to us and allow us to approach you, ask for your forgiveness, and remain in your love. Grant us strength to make him known to our neighbors and to the whole world. In the name of Jesus we pray. Amen.

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March 29-April 4, 2021 (W/Go)

Theme 22: The Passion and/of the Resurrection!

I. Opening Prayer

Praise the Lord! Christ lives! Father in heaven we thank you for your goodness, mercy and love. Love that has allowed your sinful children a way out of perdition and death. But the way to salvation was not easy. It was full of sacrifice because of our manifold sins. Allow Christ to live in our hearts and in our beings. Be with us, we pray, in everything we do. Amen.

II. Passage of Praise: Psalm 118:1-2, 14-24 (UMH 839)

III. Daily Bible Readings:

March 29, Holy Monday	Isa 42:1-9; Ps 36:5-11; Heb 9:11-15; John 12:1-11
March 30, Holy Tuesday	Isa 49:1-7; Ps 71:1-14; 1 Cor 1:18-31; Jn 12:20-36
March 31, Holy Wednesday	Isa 50:4-9a; Ps 70; Heb 12:1-3; John 13:21-32
April 1, Maundy Thur	Ex 12:1-14; Ps 116:1-4, 12-19; 1 Cor 1:23-26; Jn 13:1-17, 31b-35
April 2, Good Friday	Isa 52:13-53:12; Ps 22; Heb 10:16-25; Jn 18:1-19:42
April 3, Saturday (Holy Saturday)	Job 14:1-14; John 19:38-42
April 4, Sunday	Acts 10:34-43
Easter Sunday	1 Corinthians 15:1-11 John 20:1-18

IV. Moments of Reflection: Silent and/or written

V. Sweet Hour of Prayer: Personal and/or intercessory

VI. Hymns: Christ the Lord Is Risen Today (UMH302)/I Am Thine, O Lord (UMH 419)

VII. Closing Prayer

God of holiness and light, in the mystery of dying and rising with Christ you have established a new covenant of reconciliation. Cleanse our hearts and give a new spirit to all your people, so that your saving grace may be made known to the whole world; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen. - UM Book of Worship, March 2002 printing, p. 375

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April 5-11, 2021 (W/Go)

Theme 23: The Inheritors

I. Opening Prayer

God of life, through Jesus Christ you have bestowed upon the world the light of life. Sanctify this new fire, and grant that our hearts and minds may also be kindled with holy desire to shine forth with the brightness of Christ's rising, that we may attain to the feast of everlasting light; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen. – UM Book of Worship, 2002

II. Passage of Praise: Psalm 133 (UMH 850)

III. Daily Bible Readings:

April 5, Monday	Matthew 28
April 6, Tuesday	Mark 16:1-19
April 7, Wednesday	Luke 24:13-35
April 8, Thursday	Luke 24:36-53
April 9, Friday	John 20:1-18
April 10, Saturday	John 21
April 11, Sunday	Acts 4:32-35
(2 nd Sunday of Easter)	1 John 1:1-2:2
	John 20:19-31

IV. Moments of Reflection: Silent and/or written

V. Sweet Hour of Prayer: Personal and/or written

VI. Hymns: He Lives (UMH 310)/Breathe on Me, Breath of God (UMH 420)

VII. Closing Prayer

We are sent forth in the power of Christ's resurrection. Alleluia! The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all. Amen. –UM Book of Worship, 2002

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April 12-18, 2021 (W/G0)

Theme 24: Walking With Christ/God

I. Opening Prayer

O Lord, your wondrous birth means nothing unless we are born again, your death and sacrifice mean nothing unless we die to sin, your resurrection means nothing if you be risen alone. Raise and exalt us, O Savior, both now to the estate of grace and hereafter to the state of glory; where with the Father and the Holy Spirit you live and reign, God for ever and ever. Amen. - Eric Milner-White, England, 20th cent., alt.

II. Passage of Praise: Psalm 4 (UMH 741)

III. Daily Bible Readings:

April 12, Monday	Acts 4:5-12
April 13, Tuesday	Acts 9:1-20
April 14, Wednesday	Acts 13:44-52
April 15, Thursday	Acts 11:1-18
April 16, Friday	Acts 4:23-31
April 17, Saturday	Romans 8:1-11
April 18, Sunday	Acts 3:12-19
(3 rd Sunday of Easter)	1 John 3:1-7
Native American Ministries Sunday	Luke 24:36b-48

IV. Moments of Reflection: Silent and/or written

V. Sweet Hour of Prayer: Personal and/or intercessory

VI. Hymn: Amazing Grace (UMH 378)/Open My Eyes, That I May See (UMH 454)

VII. Closing Prayer

May the indwelling of the Triune God in our lives – in our minds and hearts – be ours not only now, but for always. In the name of the Father, of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen. -Querubin D. Canlas, September/2007

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April 19-April 25, 2021 (W/Go)

Theme 25: Our Good Shepherd

I. Opening Prayer

O God, our Father, who provides all that we need for our bodies, minds, and spirits, allow your children the bounty and grace of your holy presence; that in this hour of devotion you may infuse in us with inspiration and motivation to do our best and be as shepherds to your people. In the name of Jesus we pray. Amen

II. Passage of Praise: Psalm 23 (UMH 754 or 137)

III. Daily Bible Readings:

April 19, Monday	Psalm 80:1-7
April 20, Tuesday	Isaiah 40:1-11
April 21, Wednesday	Jeremiah 31:10-14
April 22, Thursday	Hebrews 13:20-21
April 23, Friday	1 Peter 5:1-11
April 24, Saturday	2 Corinthians 4
April 25, Sunday	Acts 4:5-12
(4 th Sunday of Easter)	1 John 3:16-24
Festival of God's Creation	John 10:11-18

IV. Moments of Reflection: Silent and/or written

V. Sweet Hour of Prayer: Personal and/or intercessory

VI. Hymns: Praise to the Lord, the Almighty (UMH 139)/He Leadeth Me: O Blessed Thought (UMH 128)

VII. Closing Prayer

O God, our Shepherd true and faithful, allow us now your blessings of strength and purpose so that we may be able to fulfill our mission in the vineyard of our Savior Jesus Christ through whom we pray. Amen.

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April 26-May 2, 2021 (W/Go)

Theme 26: Touched/Indwelt By Love

I. Opening Prayer

O God in heaven, we approach you with praise on our lips and thanksgiving in our hearts. We thank you that in unconditional love you have accepted us all as your children though not one of us deserves to be called as such. Indwell us with your Spirit that we may serve you. In the name of Jesus we pray. Amen.

II. Passage of Praise: Psalm 22:25-31 (UMH 752)

III. Daily Bible Readings:

April 26, Monday	Psalm 17:1-7
April 27, Tuesday	Galatians 5:13-15
April 28, Wednesday	John 13:1-9
April 29, Thursday	Romans 3:21-31
April 30, Friday	Romans 5:1-11
May 1, Saturday	Ephesians 5:21-32
May 2, Sunday	Acts 8:26-40
(5 th Sunday of Easter)	1 John 4:7-21
Nurses' Sunday/Christian Home Month	John 15:1-8
Asian Pacific American Heritage Month	

IV. Moments of Reflection: Silent and/or written

V. Sweet Hour of Prayer: Personal and/or intercessory

VI. Hymns: The Church's One Foundation (UMH 545)/Only Trust Him (UMH 337)

VII. Closing Prayer

Dear God we come to you in praise. We come near to you in thanksgiving for goodness and mercy manifested in your Son, Jesus. We thank you for your love manifested in all that you do. Fill us with your Spirit so that we can be with you always. In the name of Christ. Amen

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May 3-9, 2021 (W/Go)

Theme 27: (Chosen by God) Living by/in Faith

I. Opening Prayer

God of all, we praise you. We thank you for you have made us prosperous in everything. Fill us with your Spirit and allow us to be in your presence in the sweet moments we will spend in prayer with you. Amen.

II. Passage of Praise: Psalm 98 (UMH 818)

III. Daily Bible Readings:

May 3, Monday	Acts 11:19-30
May 4, Tuesday	1 John 5:6-12
May 5, Wednesday (Nurses' Day/Nat'l Day of Prayer-USA)	Hebrews 1:4-14
May 6, Thursday	Hebrews 12:12-29
May 7, Friday	Hebrews 13:1-19
May 8, Saturday	Hebrews 11:1-3
May 9, Sunday	Acts 10:44-48
(6 th Sunday of Easter)	1 John 5:1-6
Mother's Day/Festival of the Christian Home	John 15:9-17

IV. Moments of Reflection: Silent and/or written

V. Sweet Hour of Prayer: Personal and/or intercessory

VI. Hymns: Love Divine, All Loves Excelling (UMH 384)/There's Within My Heart a Melody (UMH 380)

VII. Closing Prayer

O God, our Father, we are before you, in praise and gratitude for your love. Allow us now your eternal presence to afford us faith in the promise of eternity. In the name of Jesus Christ we pray. Amen.

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May 10-16, 2021 (W/Go)

Theme 28: (Life Together) Bereft a Moment; Indwelt the Next

I. Opening Prayer

God of Time and Eternity, we approach you in thoughts of praise and thanksgiving. Though Christ ascended to claim his rightful place, we know he is with us through the Holy Spirit. Allow your children to feel, relish, and appreciate this presence. In the name of Jesus we pray. Amen.

II. Passage of Praise: Psalm 1 (UMH 738)

III. Daily Bible Readings:

May 10, Monday	Psalm 47
May 11, Tuesday	1 Peter 1:3-12
May 12, Wednesday	John 17:11-19
May 13, Thursday	Acts 1:1-11; Eph.
1:15-23	
(Ascension Day)	Luke 24:44-53; Psalm 47 (UMH 781)
May 14, Friday	John 17:20-26
May 15, Saturday	Ephesians 4:17-32
May 16, Sunday	Acts 1:15-17, 21-26
(7 th Sunday of Easter)	1 John 5:9-13
Ascension Sunday	John 17:6-19

IV. Moments of Reflection: Silent and/or written

V. Sweet Hour of Prayer: Personal and/or intercessory

VI. Hymns: Crown Him with Many Crowns (UMH 327)/My Hope Is Built (UMH 368)

VII. Closing Prayer

O Triune God, praise and thanksgiving we bring you. In triumph Christ resurrected and in exaltation Christ now ascends to heaven. We keep this in our hearts to cherish and celebrate for all our days. Grant us your peace. Amen.

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May 17-23, 2021 (R)

Theme 29: One Church, One Spirit

I. Opening Prayer

Almighty God, allow us your Holy Spirit so that we may perfectly love and follow you, especially in these moments of devotion and prayer. In the name of Jesus, we pray. Amen .

II. Passage of Praise: Psalm 104:24-34, 35b (UMH 826)

III. Daily Bible Readings:

May 17, Monday	Genesis 11:1-9
May 18, Tuesday	Acts 2:14-21
May 19, Wednesday	Acts 2:43-47
May 20, Thursday (Aldersgate Day)	Psalm 134
May 21, Friday	Romans 8:1-17
May 22, Saturday	John 15:26-27
May 23, Sunday	Acts 2:1-21
Pentecost	Romans 8:22-27
Heritage/Aldersgate Sunday	John 15:26-27; 16:4b-15

IV. Moments of Reflection: Silent and/or written

V. Sweet Hour of Prayer: Personal and intercessory

VI. Hymns: Many Gifts, One Spirit (UMH 114)/Spirit of the Living God (UMH 393)

VII. Closing Prayer

Eternal and Infinite God, Spirit Most Holy, you are the source of our being which you continue to sustain. We recall your act mightily done at the feast of Pentecost, which your Church equally needs for its sustenance and empowerment against the dangers which today's world has been confronting it with. Do not leave us, O Lord God. And may we feel...your indwelling for the strengthening of our faith to continue the work you have set for us to do. In the name of Jesus, we pray. Amen.

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May 24-30, 2021 (W)

Theme 30: Our God, the Three in One

I. Opening Prayer

Lord God, you have revealed yourself to us as Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. Reveal your will to us as well, so that we may have purpose in our being. In Jesus name we pray. Amen

II. Passage of Praise: Psalm 29 (UMH 761)

III. Daily Bible Readings:

May 24, Monday (Aldersgate Day)	Proverbs 8:22-31
May 25, Tuesday	Psalm 148
May 26, Wednesday	John 17:1-5
May 27, Thursday	Psalm 149
May 28, Friday	John 5:19-29
May 29, Saturday	Psalm 150
May 30, Sunday	Isaiah 6:1-8
Trinity/Peace w/ Justice Sunday (1 st Sunday after Pentecost)	Romans 8:12-17 John 3:1-17

IV. Moments of Reflection: Silent and/or written

V. Sweet Hour of Prayer: Personal and/or intercessory

VI. Hymns: O Worship the King (UMH 73)/Joyful, Joyful We Adore Thee (UMH 89)

VII. Closing Prayer

May the indwelling of the Triune God in our lives – in our minds and hearts – be ours not only now, but for always. In the name of the Father, of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

-Rev. Dr. Querubin D. Canlas, September/2007

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May 31-June 6, 2021 (G)

Theme 32: God: Our Comfort and Shield

I. Opening Prayer

Our God and Protector, we come to you in humble praise and joyful thanksgiving. We ask that your strong and mighty arm afford us defense, guidance and empowerment. Bless us with your presence. In the name of Jesus. Amen.

II. Passage of Praise: Psalm 138 (UMH 853)

III. Daily Bible Readings:

May 31, Monday (Memorial Day)	Psalm 62:5-12
June 1, Tuesday	John 10:7-21
June 2, Wednesday	Psalm 91
June 3, Thursday	Luke 12:22-31
June 4, Friday	Psalm 121
June 5, Saturday	Hosea 2:14-23
June 6, Sunday	1 Samuel 8:4-20 (11:14-15)
(2 nd Sunday after Pentecost)	2 Corinthians 4:13-5:1
	Mark 3:20-35

IV. Moments of Reflection: Silent and/or written

V. Sweet Hour of Prayer: Personal and/or intercessory

VI. Hymns: All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name (UMH 154)/My Hope is Built (UMH 368)

VII. Closing Prayer

The blessings, joy, and peace from our loving and caring God we now claim to keep us into His fold, to serve Him – who is Father, Son, and Holy Spirit – and even His Church and our fellow human beings. Amen.

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June 7-13, 2021 (G)

Theme 33: Mature in Christ

I. Opening Prayer

Merciful God, we praise you. Thank you for your goodness and love. You have always been faithful to us. Allow us maturity as we grow in Christ and go to serve through the empowerment of your Spirit. In the name of Jesus we pray. Amen.

II. Passage of Praise: Psalm 20/72 (UMH 811)

III. Daily Bible Readings:

June 7, Monday	1 John 3:19-24
June 8, Tuesday	James 5:13-16
June 9, Wednesday (John Wesley's b'day)	Psalm 139
June 10, Thursday	2 Corinthians 4:5-12
June 11, Friday	Psalm 125
June 12, Saturday (John Wesley's birthday)	Galatians 2:15-21
June 13, Sunday	1 Samuel 15:34-16:13
(3 rd Sunday after Pentecost)	2 Corinthians 5:6-10 (11-13), 14-17 Mark 4:26-34

IV. Moments of Reflection: Silent and/or written

V. Sweet Hour of Prayer: Personal and/or intercessory

VI. Hymns: This Is a Day of New Beginnings (UMH 383)/Rock of Ages, Cleft for Me (UMH 361)

VII. Closing Prayer

Lord God, We end our devotion in praise and thanksgiving; remembering your bountiful grace and endless generosity in allowing us a life which though often marked by difficulties, also leads to the path towards eternity; an eternity in your presence that which we will always covet. In the name of Christ. Amen.

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June 14-20, 2021 (G)

Theme 34: In Our Weakness...God's Strength

I. Opening Prayer

Almighty God, in praise we humbly approach you and in joy we thank you. We covet your presence, we ask for your inspiration, as we prepare ourselves for the new day in devotion. Even as we acknowledge our weakness, we are glad of your promise to give us strength through Jesus Christ we pray. Amen

II. Passage of Praise: Psalm 9:9-20 (UMH 744)

III. Daily Bible Readings:

June 14, Monday	Luke 6:43-45
June 15, Tuesday	Luke 10:21-24
June 16, Wednesday	Luke 11:27-28
June 17, Thursday	Luke 15:1-10
June 18, Friday	John 9:24-33
June 19, Saturday	John 12:1-3
June 20, Sunday	1 Sam 17:1a, 4-11, 19-23 32-49
(4 th Sunday after Pentecost)	2 Corinthians 6:1-13
Father's Day	Mark 4:35-41

IV. Moments of Reflection: Silent and/or written

V. Sweet Hour of Prayer: Personal and/or intercessory

VI. Hymns: To God Be the Glory (UMH 98)/O Master, Let Me Walk with Thee (UMH 430)

VII. Closing Prayer

In praise and gratitude we approach you. Thank you dear Lord for the new life you have allowed us to enjoy in your presence. We thank you for the moments spent at your feet. May we, in response, give our lives to you in the service of our fellow human beings. In the name of our Savior Jesus Christ we pray. Amen

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June 21-27, 2021 (G)

Theme 35: Servant-hood and Sacrifice

I. Opening Prayer:

In the light of a new day we praise you, God. In the beginning of a new life we come and thank you. Humbly we ask that we come into your presence, and allow us moments of intimacy with you. In Christ's name we ask, amen.

II. Passage of Praise

Psalm 130 (UMH 848)

III. Daily Bible Readings

June 21, Monday (Summer)

2 Samuel 12:1-13a

June 22, Tuesday

Luke 18:18-30

June 23, Wednesday

Mark 4:26-29

June 24, Thursday

Luke 7:36-50

June 25, Friday

Romans 5:6-11

June 26, Saturday

Galatians 5:16-26

June 27, Sunday

2 Samuel 1:1-17-27

(5th Sunday after Pentecost)

2 Corinthians 8:7-15

Mark 5:21-43

IV. Moments of Reflection: Silent and/or written

V. Sweet Hour of Prayer: Personal and/or intercessory

VI. Hymns: Now Thank We All Our God (UMH 102)/I Surrender All (UMH 354)

VII. Closing Prayer:

We praise you as we grow, we are in gratitude as we produce branches in the vineyard through the power of your Spirit, we give thanks to you as we mature in the knowledge of your Son, our Savior Jesus Christ in whose name we pray. Amen.

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June 28-July 4, 2021 (G)

Theme 36: Gospel Power

I. Opening Prayer

In praise and thanks we come before you, blind and sinful though are we. Open our eyes to the beauty of your blessings and illumine our paths for this time in our lives. In the name of our Savior, amen.

II. Passage of Praise

Psalm 48 (UMH 782)

III. Daily Bible Readings

June 28, Monday (John Wesley's Birthday)

Jeremiah 20:7-13

June 29, Tuesday

1 Corinthians 1:18-25

June 30, Wednesday

1 Corinthians 2:6-16

July 1, Thursday

Isaiah 40:12-14

July 2, Friday

Philippians 4:8-9

July 3, Saturday

1 Corinthians 12:1-13

July 4, Sunday

2 Samuel 5:1-5, 9-10

(6th Sunday after Pentecost)

2 Corinthians 12:2-10

Independence Day

Mark 6:1-13

IV. Moments of Reflection: Silent and/or written

V. Sweet Hour of Prayer: Personal and/or intercessory

VI. Hymns: Come Thou Fount of Every Blessing (UMH 400)/Precious Lord, Take My Hand (UMH 474)

VII. Closing Prayer

In the knowledge that you are our Living God we praise and give thanks. In the knowledge that your presence is with us we are in humble gratitude, on our knees in worship truly blessed. May your wisdom be with us always in the name of Jesus. Amen.

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July 5-11, 2021 (G)

Theme 37: God Is Faithful

I. Opening Prayer

We near your throne of grace in praise and thanks, dear God. We kneel in thanks for your blessing, your goodness, and your mercy. Be with us this day and make it a blessing for us all. Amen.

II. Passage of Praise

Psalm 24 (UMH 755)

III. Daily Bible Readings

July 5, Monday

Genesis 28:10-15

July 6, Tuesday

2 Samuel 7:18-29

July 7, Wednesday

John 12:44-46

July 8, Thursday

Hebrews 12:5-8

July 9, Friday

1 Peter 1:3-5

July 10, Saturday

Psalm 121

July 11, Sunday

2 Samuel 6:1-5, 12b-19

(7th Sunday of Pentecost)

Ephesians 1:3-14

Mark 6:14-29

IV. Moments of Reflection: Silent and/or written

V. Sweet Hour of Prayer: Personal and/or intercessory

VI. Hymns: Blessed Assurance (UMH 369)/Great Is Thy Faithfulness (UMH140)

VII. Closing Prayer

Great is thy faithfulness dear God, our Father. You have blessed us with so much but we give back so little in return. Throughout this day, empower us so that we can serve others. May you find us faithful also. In the name of Jesus, amen.

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July 12-18, 2021 (G)

Theme 38: Be Still...

I. Opening Prayer

Almighty God, may we feel your presence today, be empowered by it, be transformed by it, so that your gospel be animated in me. Amen.

II. Passage of Praise Psalm 89:20-37 (UMH 807)

III. Daily Bible Readings:

July 12, Monday	Hosea 11:1-4
July 13, Tuesday	Hosea 11:8-11
July 14, Wednesday	Ephesians 1:4-8
July 15, Thursday	Ephesians 2:4-10
July 16, Friday	2 Timothy 1:7-10
July 17, Saturday	Titus 3:3-7
July 18, Sunday	2 Samuel 7:1-14a
(8 th Sunday of Pentecost)	Ephesians 2:11-22
	Mark 6:30-34, 53-56

IV. Moments of Reflection: Silent and/or written

V. Sweet Hour of Prayer: Personal and/or intercessory

VI. Hymns: We Are Climbing Jacob's Ladder (UMH 418)/ I Surrender All (UMH 354)

VII. Closing Prayer

Almighty God, whose power is love, we do praise, adore and worship your name. We do thank you for the care and blessings you bestow upon us, your children. Nowhere near can we compare our finiteness to your eternity. And so we rely and trust fully on your mercy. Do bless us today and always. Amen

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July 19-25, 2021 (G)

Theme 39: Praise God

I. Opening Prayer

It is the only thing that we can and must do every day of our lives – to praise you, our God. Thank you for the life you have given each one. May we all rededicate our beings to you as service to our kindred in Spirit, amen.

II. Passage of Praise Psalm 14 (UMH 746)

III. Daily Bible Readings

July 19, Monday	1 Kings 8:54-61
July 20, Tuesday	Job 36:22-24
July 21, Wednesday	Psalm 16:1-8
July 22, Thursday	Psalm 22:22-31
July 23, Friday	Psalm 24
July 24, Saturday	Psalm 40
July 25, Sunday	2 Samuel 11:1-15
(9 th Sunday after Pentecost)	Ephesians 3:14-21
Parents' Day	John 6:1-21

IV. Moments of Reflection: Silent and/or written

V. Sweet Hour of Prayer: Personal and/or intercessory

VI. Hymns: Praise to the Lord, the Almighty (UMH 139)/ Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise (UMH 103)

VII. Closing Prayer

Once again we praise you. At the beginning and end of each day we thank you. Allow us to feel your presence and be the power beneath our wings of faith so that we can soar to the highest peak of service. In the sweet and wonderful name of our Savior, Jesus Christ. Amen.

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July 26-August 1, 2021 (G)

Theme 40: God, the Provider

I. Opening Prayer

O God, prepare us, through the active presence of the Holy Spirit, to come before you worthily and to ask of you rightly; enlighten our understanding; purify our every desire; quicken our will into instant obedience to your Word; strengthen every right purpose; direct this moment of devotion to the praising of your name, and to the enduring good of us your children and servants; through Jesus Christ our Savior. Amen.

II. Passage of Praise Psalm 51:1-12 (UMH 785)

III. Daily Bible Readings

July 26, Monday	Psalm 37:1-7
July 27, Tuesday	Psalm 40:1-3
July 28, Wednesday	Colossians 3:12-15
July 29, Thursday	Psalm 46:8-11
July 30, Friday	John 14:27
July 31, Saturday	James 5:7-11
August 1, Sunday	2 Samuel 11:26-12:13a
(10 th Sunday after Pentecost)	Ephesians 4:1-16
Friendship Day	John 6:24-35

IV. Moments of Reflection: Silent and/or written

V. Sweet Hour of Prayer: Personal and/or intercessory

VI. Hymns: A Mighty Fortress Is Our God (UMH 110)/Dear Lord and Father of Mankind (UMH 358)

VII. Closing Prayer

Let us then live today in Christ's presence, remembering he is near and will sustain us as we serve in his name. Amen.

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August 2-8, 2021 (G)

Theme 41: God's Grace

I. Opening Prayer

O God, from whom all holy desires, good counsel, and all good works are sourced: Give to your servants that peace which the world cannot give; that our hearts might be set to obey you, and also that by your Holy Spirit, we may pass our time in rest and quietness; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

II. Passage of Praise

Psalm 130 (UMH 848)

III. Daily Bible Readings

August 2, Monday

Psalm 8

August 3, Tuesday

Psalm 10:16-18

August 4, Wednesday

Hebrews 10:19-23

August 5, Thursday

Revelations 21:1-7

August 6, Friday

1 Corinthians 1:4-9

August 7, Saturday

Psalm 52

August 8, Sunday

2 Samuel 18:5-9, 15, 31-33

(11th Sunday after Pentecost)

Ephesians 4:25-5:2

John 6:35, 41-51

IV. Moments of Reflection: Silent and/or written

V. Sweet Hour of Prayer: Personal and/or intercessory

VI. Hymns: The Voice of God is Calling (UMH 436)/Close to Thee (UMH 407)

VII. Closing Prayer

You have been renewed and empowered to serve the Lord and the people. The grace of Jesus Christ and the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you. Amen.

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August 9-15, 2021 (G)

Theme 42: God's Kingdom Cometh

I. Opening Prayer

Almighty God, in wisdom you created all things. Provide our daily needs and grant us grace and strength to fulfill the ministry to which we have been called. We offer our prayers in the name of Jesus Christ. Amen.

II. Passage of Praise

Psalm 111 (UMH 832)

III. Daily Bible Readings

August 9, Monday

Genesis 3:16-21

August 10, Tuesday

Exodus 16:1-15

August 11, Wednesday

Genesis 9:8-17

August 12, Thursday

2 Corinthians 5:1-5

August 13, Friday

Colossians 1:2-14

August 14, Saturday

Revelations 19:5-10

August 15, Sunday

1 Kings 2:10-12; 3:3-14

(12th Sunday after Pentecost)

Ephesians 5:15-20

John 6:51-58

IV. Moments of Reflection: Silent and/or written

V. Sweet Hour of Prayer: Personal and/or intercessory

VI. Hymns: Be Thou My Vision (UMH 451)/Spirit of God Descend Upon My Heart (UMH 500)

VII. Closing Prayer

God's love is manifest in his creation and in his love. Today walk in the power and presence of God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. Amen

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August 16-22, 2021 (G)

Theme 43: Jesus...the Way

I. Opening Prayer

Lord God, you have promised never to forsake or leave me. Accept my life as a living sacrifice to you and grant me strength to keep my promises. Join me in my prayer time today. In the name of Jesus. Amen.

II. Passage of Praise

Psalm 84 (UMH 804)

III. Daily Bible Readings

August 16, Monday

2 Samuel 7:18-29

August 17, Tuesday

Romans 4:13-25

August 18, Wednesday

James 1:2-6, 12

August 19, Thursday

2 Peter 1:3-11

August 20, Friday

Acts 12:1-11

August 21, Saturday

John 17:6-26

August 22, Sunday

1 Kings 8:(1, 6, 10) 22-30, 41-43

(13th Sunday after Pentecost)

Ephesians 6:10-20

John 6:56-69

IV. Moments of Reflection: Silent and/or written

V. Sweet Hour of Prayer: Personal and/or intercessory

VI. Hymns: Stand Up, Stand Up for Jesus (UMH 514)/Rock of Ages (UMH 361)

VII. Closing Prayer

O God, you are faithful in your promises. May we be as faithful in our prayers. Lord, allow your servant to go in peace. I have experienced your salvation which you have prepared for everyone. Uphold me as I seek to serve in your name. Amen.

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August 23-29, 2021 (G)

Theme 44: (The Coming of the Kingdom) True Greatness

I. Opening Prayer

Lord Jesus Christ, hasten the day when all your people may know the joy, peace, and harmony of your kingdom. Grant to me this day the power to live within your kingdom. In his name we pray. Amen.

II. Passage of Praise

Psalm 45:1-2, 6-9/72 (UMH 795)

III. Daily Bible Readings

August 23, Monday	2 Chronicles 5:11-14
August 24, Tuesday	Luke 10:21-24
August 25, Wednesday	Luke 22:25-28
August 26, Thursday	Hebrews 12:18-24
August 27, Friday	Matthew 6:19-21
August 28, Saturday	Revelation 11:15-19
August 29, Sunday	Song of Solomon 2:8-13
(14 th Sunday after Pentecost)	James 1:17-27
	Mark 7:1-8, 14-15, 21-23

IV. Moments of Reflection: Silent and/or written

V. Sweet Hour of Prayer: Personal and/or intercessory

VI. Hymns: And Can It Be that I Should Gain (UMH 363)/Just as I Am, Without One Plea (UMH 357)

VII. Closing Prayer

The Lord bless you and keep you: the Lord make his face shine upon you, and be gracious to you; the Lord lift up his countenance upon you, and give you peace. Amen.

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August 30-September 5, 2021 (G)

Theme 45: Forgiven and Forgiving

I. Opening Prayer

Almighty God, as you have sent Jesus to be for us light and truth, send now your spirit upon us to grant us grace and strength to follow in his footsteps this day

II. Passage of Praise

Psalm 125 (UMH 846)

III. Daily Bible Readings

August 30, Monday

John 14:1-6

August 31, Tuesday

John 6:35-40

September 1, Wednesday

John 8:12-19

September 2, Thursday

Matthew 8:23-27

September 3, Friday

Luke 9:18-20

September 4, Saturday

John 12:27-36

September 5, Sunday

Proverbs 22:1-2, 8-9, 22-23

(15th Sunday after Pentecost)

James 2:1-10 (11-13), 14-17

Labor Sunday

Mark 7:24-37

IV. Moments of Reflection: Silent and/or written

V. Sweet Hour of Prayer: Personal and/or intercessory

VI. Hymn: In Christ There Is No East or West (UMH 548)/Have Thine Own Way, Lord (UMH 382)

VII. Closing Prayer

You have been reminded that Jesus Christ is your Lord and that you are God's servant. You are loved; you are forgiven; you are empowered and now you are sent to live as God's faithful one. Amen.

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September 6-12, 2021 (G)

Theme 46: Ascendant Forgiveness

I. Opening Prayer

Almighty God, you have sent Jesus to take our nature upon himself and to be for us a sign and Savior. Grant that by the power of your spirit Christ may be born in us today to the end that our ministry may be pleasing to you and helpful to your people. We pray in the name and spirit of Christ. Amen.

II. Passage of Praise

Psalm 19 (UMH750)

III. Daily Bible Readings

September 6, Monday (Labor Day)

Matthew 23:1-36

September 7, Tuesday

Matthew 20:20-28

September 8, Wednesday

Matthew 6:1-24

September 9, Thursday

Matthew 6:25-34

September 10, Friday

Matthew 5:1-11

September 11, Saturday

Matthew 5:13-20

September 12, Sunday

Proverbs 1:20-33

(16th Sunday after Pentecost)

James 3:1-12

Grandparents' Day

Mark 8:27-38

IV. Moments of Reflection: Silent and/or written

V. Sweet Hour of Prayer: Personal and/or intercessory

VI. Hymns: To God Be the Glory (UMH 98)/Amazing Grace (UMH 378)

VII. Closing Prayer

And now, may the spirit which was in Jesus Christ be in me, enabling me to know God's will and empowering me to do God's will. Amen

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Theme 47: The Wise Steward

I. Opening Prayer

Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy name; through Christ our Lord. Amen.

II. Passage of Praise

Psalm 1 (UMH 738)

III. Daily Bible Readings

September 13, Monday

Acts 10:44-48

September 14, Tuesday

1 John 3:1-10

September 15, Wednesday

2 Corinthians 2:5-11

September 16, Thursday

Luke 6:27-36

September 17, Friday

Luke 6:37-42

September 18, Saturday

Luke 17:1-6

September 19, Sunday

Proverbs 31:10-31

(17th Sunday after Pentecost)

James 3:13-4:3, 7-8a

Mark 9:30-37

IV. Moments of Reflection: Silent and/or written

V. Sweet Hour of Prayer: Personal and/or intercessory

VI. Hymns: The Voice of God Is Calling (UMH 436)/Forth in Thy Name, O Lord (UMH 438)

VII. Closing Prayer

I commend you to God and to the word of his grace which is able to build you up and to give you your inheritance. Amen.

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September 20-26, 2021 (G)

Theme 48: God, Our Provider

I. Opening Prayer

Almighty God, from whom every good prayer comes, and who pours out on all who desire it the spirit of grace and supplication: Deliver us, when we draw near to you, from coldness of heart and wanderings of mind, that, with steadfast thoughts and kindled affections, we may worship you in spirit and in truth; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

II. Passage of Praise

Psalm 124 (UMH 846)

III. Daily Bible Readings

September 20, Monday

John 5:1-14

September 21, Tuesday

John 8:1-11

September 22, Wednesday (Autumn/Fall)

Psalm 32

September 23, Thursday

Ephesians 2:1-10

September 24, Friday

Romans 6:1-14

September 25, Saturday

Romans 3:21-31

September 26, Sunday

Esther 7:1-6, 9-10; 9:20-22

(18th Sunday after Pentecost)

James 5:13-20

Mark 9:38-50

IV. Moments of Reflection: Silent and/or written

V. Sweet Hour of Prayer: Personal and/or intercessory

VI. Hymns: Take My Life and Let It Be (UMH 399)/God Will Take Care of You (UMH 130)

VII. Closing Prayer

The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ and the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all. Amen.

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September 27-October 3, 2021 (G)

Theme 49: A Community of Faith

I. Opening Prayer

Almighty God, you who created me and called me to ministry, pour out your Holy Spirit on me today so that I may be a wise steward of these precious gifts. In the name and spirit of Christ. Amen.

II. Passage of Praise

Psalm 26/25 (UMH 756)

III. Daily Bible Readings

September 27, Monday

Ecclesiastes 9:13-18

September 28, Tuesday

1 Kings 3:16-28

September 29, Wednesday

James 3:13-18

September 30, Thursday

Ephesians 3:14-21

October 1, Friday

2 Corinthians 6:1-10

October 2, Saturday

1 Corinthians 4:1-13

October 3, Sunday

Job 1:1, 2:1-10

(19th Sunday after Pentecost)

Hebrews 1:1-4; 2:5-12

World Communion Sunday

Mark 10:2-16

IV. Moments of Reflection: Silent and/or written

V. Sweet Hour of Prayer: Personal and/or intercessory

VI. Hymns: Standing on the Promises (UMH 374)/O Jesus, I Have Promised (UMH 396)

VII. Closing Prayer

Go forth now as God's servant. Remember God's presence often and draw strength from the knowledge that the One who calls and sends...also sustains. Amen.

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October 4-10, 2021 (G)

Theme 50: Friends of God

I. Opening Prayer

Almighty God, in whom we find life, health, and strength, and through whose mercy we are clothed and fed, grant us a thankful and faithful heart. In the name and spirit of Christ. Amen

II. Passage of Praise

Psalm 22:1-15 (UMH 752)

III. Daily Bible Readings

October 4, Monday

1 Kings 17:8-13

October 5, Tuesday

2 Kings 4:1-7

October 6, Wednesday

Luke 12:22-32

October 7, Thursday

1 Timothy 6:2c-10

October 8, Friday

2 Corinthians 4:1-15

October 9, Saturday

Philippians 4:10-19

October 10, Sunday

Job 23:1-9, 16-17

(20th Sunday after Pentecost)

Hebrews 4:12-16

Mark 10:17-31

IV. Moments of Reflection: Silent and/or written

V. Sweet Hour of Prayer: Personal and/or intercessory

VI. Hymns: 'Tis So Sweet to Trust in Jesus (UMH 462)/What a Friend We Have in Jesus (UMH 526)

VII. Closing Prayer

You have been in communion with the Lord. Go forth now in the strength and assurance that the Lord Jesus Christ goes with you. Amen.

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October 11-17, 2021 (G)

Theme 51: We Are Servants of Christ

I. Opening Prayer

Lord Jesus Christ, you demonstrated faithfulness in all of life, even to death on the cross. Grant unto me grace and strength to faithfully follow you all the days of my life. Amen.

II. Passage of Praise

Psalm 104:1-9, 24, 35c (UMH 826)

III. Daily Bible Readings

October 11, Monday	Genesis 12:1-9
October 12, Tuesday	Hebrews 11:1-31
October 13, Wednesday	Genesis 21:1-8
October 14, Thursday	2 Timothy 2:1-13
October 15, Friday	Matthew 5:8-12
October 16, Saturday	Hebrews 6:13-20
October 17, Sunday	Job 38:1-7, (34-41)
(21 st Sunday after Pentecost)	Hebrews 5:1-10
Laity Sunday/Children's Sabbath	Mark 10:35-45

IV. Moments of Reflection: Silent and/or written

V. Sweet Hour of Prayer: Personal and/or intercessory

VI. Hymns: Be Thou My Vision (UMH 451)/Here I Am, Lord (UMH 593)

VII. Closing Prayer

We praise you, Dear Father, and thank you for a time of bonding. Allow us your strength to serve you, through Jesus Christ for this day and always. Amen.

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October 18-24, 2021 (G)

Theme 52: True Humility

I. Opening Prayer

Almighty God, you who are the source of our life, strength, and ministry. In your presence alone we find help, hope, and life. Send us from this hour as a healing reminder of your love to all whose lives we touch this day. We offer our prayers in the name of Christ. Amen.

II. Passage of Praise

Psalm 34:1-8 (19-22) (UMH 769)

III. Daily Bible Readings

October 18, Monday	Exodus 33:7-11
October 19, Tuesday	Jeremiah 31:23-34
October 20, Wednesday	2 Chronicles 20:1-9
October 21, Thursday	Hebrews 8:1-12
October 22, Friday	Isaiah 41:8-10
October 23, Saturday	James 4:1-10
October 24, Sunday	Job 42:1-6, 10-17
(22 nd Sunday after Pentecost)	Hebrews 7:23-28
United Nations Day	Mark 10:46-52

IV. Moments of Reflection: Silent and/or written

V. Sweet Hour of Prayer: Personal and/or intercessory

VI. Hymns: Come, Christians, Join to Sing (UMH 158)/Just as I Am, Without One Plea (UMH 357)

VII. Closing Prayer

May our Lord Jesus Christ himself, and God our Father, who loved us and in his grace gave us unflinching courage and a firm hope, encourage you and strengthen you to always do and say what is good. Amen.

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October 25-31, 2021 (W)

Theme 53: God Transforms Lives

I. Opening Prayer

Almighty God, grant that those who worship you this day may present their bodies as a living sacrifice, holy, and acceptable to you. By the power of your Holy Spirit make us strong to fulfill our ministry this day. In the name of Christ. Amen.

II. Passage of Praise

Psalm 146 (UMH 858)

III. Daily Bible Readings

October 25, Monday

Matthew 10:1-15

October 26, Tuesday

Matthew 10:16-23

October 27, Wednesday

Deuteronomy 34:1-8

October 28, Thursday

2 Corinthians 4:1-6

October 29, Friday

2 Timothy 2:14-26

October 30, Saturday

Isaiah 57:14-21

October 31, Sunday

Ruth 1:1-18

(23rd Sunday after Pentecost)

Hebrews 9:11-14

Reformation Sunday

Mark 12:28-34

IV. Moments of Reflection: Silent and/or written

V. Sweet Hour of Prayer: Personal and/or intercessory

VI. Hymns Stand Up, Stand Up for Jesus (UMH 514)/Standing on the Promises (UMH 374)

VII. Closing Prayer

May the Lord make you strong to do the work of ministry. Amen.

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November 1-7, 2021 (G)

Theme 54: People of the Resurrection

I. Opening Prayer

Almighty God, you have sent Jesus to show us how to live. Grant us the power of your Holy Spirit so that we may follow him in faithfulness all the days of our lives. Amen.

II. Passage of Praise

Psalm 127 or Psalm 42 (UMH 777)

III. Daily Bible Readings:

November 1, Monday
(All Saints' Day)

Isaiah 25:6-9; Psalm 24 (UMH 755)
Revelations 21:1-6a; John 11:32-44

November 2, Tuesday

Micah 6:6-8

November 3, Wednesday

James 4:1-7

November 4, Thursday

Romans 12:1-3

November 5, Friday

1 Peter 3:8-12

November 6, Saturday

Philippians 2:1-11

November 7, Sunday
(24th Sunday after Pentecost)

Ruth 3:1-5; 4:13-17

Hebrews 9:24-28

All Saints' Sunday/DST ends

Mark 12:38-44

IV. Moments of Reflection: Silent and/or written

V. Sweet Hour of Prayer: Personal and/or intercessory

VI. Hymns: Standing on the Promises (UMH 374)/ I Am Thine, O Lord (UMH 419)

VII. Closing Prayer

Live today in Christ's presence, remembering he is near and will sustain you as you serve in his name. Amen.

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November 8-14, 2021 (G)

Theme 55: Prepared for the Coming!

I. Opening Prayer

Almighty God, you have sent Jesus to show us how to live. Grant us the power of your Holy Spirit so that we may follow him in faithfulness all the days of our lives. Amen.

II. Passage of Praise

1 Samuel 2:1-10 or Psalm 113 (UMH 834)

III. Daily Bible Readings

November 8, Monday

Ezekiel 36:22-32

November 9, Tuesday

Ephesians 5:1-20

November 10, Wednesday

John 9

November 11, Thursday (Veterans' Day)

Luke 19:1-10

November 12, Friday

Acts 26:12-18

November 13, Saturday

Colossians 3:5-17

November 14, Sunday

1 Samuel 1:4-20

(25th Sunday after Pentecost)

Hebrews 10:11-14 (15-18) 19-25

Organ and Tissue Donor Sunday

Mark 13:1-8

IV. Moments of Reflection: Silent and/or written

V. Sweet Hour of Prayer: Personal and/or intercessory

VI. Hymns: Fairest Lord Jesus (UMH 189)/ How Great Thou Art (UMH 77)

VII. Closing Prayer

Live today in Christ's presence, remembering he is near and will sustain you as you serve in his name. Amen.

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November 15-21, 2021 (W/Go)

Theme 56: Christ the King

I. Opening Prayer

Almighty God, as you have given Jesus Christ to be Savior, grant us now grace to accept and rejoice in our salvation and in his lordship. Amen.

II. Passage of Praise

Psalm 132:1-12 (UMH 849)

III. Daily Bible Readings

November 15, Monday

John 1:43-51

November 16, Tuesday

Luke 8:22-39

November 17, Wednesday

Matthew 25:31-46

November 18, Thursday

Luke 19:28-40

November 19, Friday

1 Corinthians 15:1-11

November 20, Saturday

Matthew 27:45-54

November 21, Sunday

2 Samuel 23:1-7

(Last/26th Sunday after Pentecost)

Revelations 1:4b-8

Christ the King/Thanksgiving/Bible Sunday

John 18:33-37

International Bible Week (21-27)

IV. Moments of Reflection: Silent and/or written

V. Sweet Hour of Prayer: Personal and/or intercessory

VI. Hymns: Crown Him With Many Crowns (UMH 327)/Jesus Shall Reign (UMH 157)

VII. Closing Prayer

In praise and thanks we come near to you O God, allow us to go forth, empowered by the Holy Spirit, to serve in the strength, love, and presence of the Lord Jesus Christ. Amen.

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November 22-28, 2021 (P/B)

Theme1: The Coming of the King

I. Opening Prayer

Almighty God, who came to us long ago in the birth of Jesus Christ, be born anew in us today by the power of your Holy Spirit. We offer our lives as home to you and ask for grace and strength to live as your faithful, joyful children always. Through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

II. Passage of Praise Psalm 25:1-10 (UMH 756)

III. Daily Bible Readings

November 22, Monday	Matthew 1:1-17
November 23, Tuesday	Isaiah 42:1-13
November 24, Wednesday	Jeremiah 46:27-28
November 25, Thursday	Joel 2:21-27; Psalm 126 (UMH 847)
Thanksgiving Day	1 Timothy 2:1-7; Matthew 6:25-33
November 26, Friday	Ezekiel 1:1-28a
November 27, Saturday	Zephaniah 3:14-20
November 28, Sunday (1 st Sunday of Advent)	Jeremiah 33:14-16 1 Thessalonians 3:9-13
UM Student Day (<i>Begin lectionary Year C</i>)	Luke 21:25-36

IV. Moments of Reflection: Silent and/or written

V. Sweet Hour of Prayer: Personal and/or intercessory

VI. Hymns: Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus (UMH 196)/Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence (UMH 626)

VII. Closing Prayer

O Lord of all, we near your throne. We praise, worship and adore you. We thank you for the coming of our Savior. We have been reminded that Jesus Christ is our Lord

and that we are God's servant. We are loved; we are forgiven; we are empowered; and now we are sent to live as God's faithful one. Amen.

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November 29-December 5, 2021 (P/B)

Theme 2: Prepare Ye the Way of the Lord

I. Opening Prayer

O God our Father, who sent your Son to be King of kings and Prince of Peace: Grant that all the kingdoms of this world may become the kingdom of Christ, and learn from him the way of peace. Send forth among all people the spirit of good will and reconciliation. In the name of Jesus Christ. Amen.

II. Passage of Praise Luke 1:68-79 (UMH 208)

III. Daily Bible Readings

November 29, Monday	Luke 1:5-25
November 30, Tuesday	Luke 1:57-80
December 1, Wednesday	Isaiah 59:15b-21
December 2, Thursday	Isaiah 61:1-3
December 3, Friday	Amos 9:11-15
December 4, Saturday	Matthew 3:1-12
December 5, Sunday	Malachi 3:1-4
(2 nd Sunday of Advent)	Philippians 1:3-11
	Luke 3:1-6

IV. Moments of Reflection: Silent and/or written

V. Sweet Hour of Prayer: Personal and/or intercessory

VI. Hymns: Hail to the Lord's Anointed (UMH 203)/Angels from the Realm of Glory (UMH 211)

VII. Closing Prayer

The Lord bless you and keep you: the Lord make his face shine upon you, and be gracious to you: the Lord lift up his countenance upon you, and give you peace. Amen.

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December 6-12, 2021 (P/B)

Theme 3: The Coming/Constant Advent of Jesus Christ

I. Opening Prayer

O Lord God, whose chosen dwelling is the heart of the lowly, we give you praise. We give thanks that you revealed yourself in the holy child Jesus, thereby sanctifying all childhood in him. We beseech you to make us humble in faith and love, that we may know the joy of the Gospel that is hidden from the wise and prudent and revealed unto babes and the simple people. Amen.

II. Passage of Praise

Isaiah 12:2-6 (UMH 847)

III. Daily Bible Readings

December 6, Monday

Mark 13:24-27

December 7, Tuesday

Luke 21:25-28

December 8, Wednesday

Revelation 1:1-8

December 9, Thursday

Ezekiel 34:1-31

December 10, Friday

Luke 12:35-40

December 11, Saturday

Acts 1:6-11

December 12, Sunday

Zephaniah 3:14-20

(3rd Sunday of Advent)

Philippians 4:4-7

Luke 3:7-18

IV. Moments of Reflection: Silent and/or written

V. Sweet Hour of Prayer: Personal and/or intercessory

VI. Hymns: When Morning Gilds the Skies (UMH 185)/Away in a Manger (UMH 217)

VII. Closing Prayer

Lord, allow your servant to go in peace. I have experienced your salvation which you have prepared for everyone. Uphold me as I seek to serve in your name. Amen.

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December 13-19, 2021 (P/B)

Theme 4: Gateway to Heaven

I. Opening Prayer

Almighty God, who by the birth of your holy child Jesus has given us a great light to dawn upon our darkness: Grant, we pray, that in this light we may see light. Allow us, dear God, that most excellent Christmas gift of peace and love to all, so that the likeness of your Son may be formed in us, and that we may have the ever brightening hope of everlasting life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

II. Passage of Praise Luke 1:47-55 (UMH 199)

III. Daily Bible Readings

December 13, Monday	Isaiah 7:10-15
December 14, Tuesday	Isaiah 35
December 15, Wednesday	Isaiah 40:1-10
December 16, Thursday	Ezekiel 34:11-16
December 17, Friday	Isaiah 9:1b-7
December 18, Saturday	Philippians 4:4-9
December 19, Sunday	Micah 5:2-5a
(4 th Sunday of Advent)	Hebrews 10:5-10
	Luke 1:39-45

IV. Moments of Reflection: Silent and/or written

V. Sweet Hour of Prayer: Personal and/or intercessory

VI. Hymns: Jesus Loves Me (UMH 191)/He Is Lord (UMH 177)

VII. Closing Prayer

God, our Father, allow us your grace which is able to build us up and give us the inheritance among all those who are sanctified. Be with us throughout this day and our

lives through the care of the Holy Spirit. In the name of Jesus Christ, our Savior, we pray. Amen.

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December 20-26, 2021 (W/Go)

Theme 5: Emmanuel!

I. Opening Prayer

O Lord, the house of my soul is narrow; enlarge it enough so that you may enter in. It is broken, please repair it. It is unpleasant in your sight, dear God, I confess it, I know. But who will cleanse it, or to whom shall I cry but unto thee? Cleanse me from my secret faults, O Lord, and spare thy servant from strange sins. – St. Augustine

II. Passage of Praise

Psalm 148

III. Daily Bible Readings

December 20, Monday

John 3:1-8

December 21, Tuesday (Winter)

Ephesians 4:17-32

December 22, Wednesday

2 Corinthians 5:16-21

December 23, Thursday

Revelation 21:1-7

December 24, Friday

Isaiah 9:2-7; Psalm 96 (UMH 816)

Christmas Eve

Titus 2:11-14; Luke 2:1-20

December 25, Saturday

Isaiah 52:7-10; Psalm 98 (UMH 818)

Christmas Day

Hebrews 1:1-4 (5-12); John 1:1-14

December 26, Sunday

1 Samuel 2:18-20, 26

(1st Sunday after Christmas)

Colossians 3:12-17

Luke 2:41-52

IV. Moments of Reflection: Silent and/or written

V. Sweet Hour of Prayer: Personal and/or intercessory

VI. Hymns: Joy to the World (UMH 246)/What Child Is This (UMH 219)

VII. Closing Prayer

And now, may the spirit which was in Jesus Christ be in me, enabling me to know God's will and empowering me to do it in the name of his Son, Jesus. Amen.

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December 27, 2021-January 2, 2022 (W/Go)

Theme 6: God's Children

I. Opening Prayer

Dear God, my life with all its doubts and fears lie before your gaze. Look upon it and cause everything that may hinder my ministry and my work to fall away, for the sake of those I serve in your name. Amen.

II. Passage of Praise Psalm 72:1-7, 10-14 (UMH 795)

III. Daily Bible Readings

December 27, Monday	John 15:12-16
December 28, Tuesday	Romans 8:31-39
December 29, Wednesday	Isaiah 56:1-8
December 30, Thursday	Ezekiel 34:11-15
December 31, Friday (Watch Night/New Year's Eve)	1 Peter 2:1-10
January 1, Saturday	Ecclesiastes 3:1-13; Psalm 8 (UMH 743)
New Year's Day	Revelations 21:1-6a; Matthew 25:31-

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January 2, Sunday	Isaiah 60:1-6
(Epiphany Sunday)	Ephesians 3:1-12
	Matthew 2:1-12

IV. Moments of Reflection: Silent and/or written

V. Sweet Hour of Prayer: Personal and/or intercessory

VI. Hymns: Joy to the World (UMH 246)/What Child Is This (UMH 219)

VII. Closing Prayer

We praise you, dear God. We thank you for your goodness, mercy, and the gift of your son. May we live as your chosen. May we act as your children. In the name of Christ Jesus. Amen.

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Date

Theme: A New Life

- I. Opening Prayer
- II. Passage of Praise
- III. Daily Bible Readings
- IV. Moments of Reflection
- V. Sweet Hour of Prayer
- VI. Hymn
- VII. Closing Prayer

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