

Hope Presbyterian Church
Prayer Liturgy for a Snow Day
1.25.26

Gathering In God's Presence – Take moment and read over/sing through this hymn

1. Come, ye sinners, poor and wretched,
Weak and wounded, sick and sore;
Jesus, ready, stands to save you,
Full of pity, joined with power.
He is able, He is able;
He is willing; doubt no more.

2. Come ye needy, come, and welcome,
God's free bounty glorify;
True belief and true repentance,
Every grace that brings you nigh.
Without money, without money
Come to Jesus Christ and buy.

3. Come, ye weary, heavy laden,
Bruised and broken by the fall;
If you tarry 'til you're better,
You will never come at all.
Not the righteous, not the righteous;
Sinners Jesus came to call.

4. Let not conscience make you linger,
Nor of fitness fondly dream;
All the fitness He requires
Is to feel your need of Him.
This He gives you, this He gives you,
'Tis the Spirit's rising beam.

5. Lo! The Incarnate God, ascended;
Pleads the merit of His blood.
Venture on Him; venture wholly,
Let no other trust intrude.
None but Jesus, none but Jesus
Can do helpless sinners good.

Call to Worship – If you are with family or friends, have this call and response, and then read aloud the words of Psalm 100.

CALL: The Lord is Risen!

RESPONSE: He is risen, indeed!

Confession of Sin – Take a moment a read aloud this confession of sin

O my Savior, help me.
I am slow to learn, prone to forget, and weak to climb;
I am in the foothills when I should be on the heights;
I am pained by my graceless heart,
my prayerless days,
my poverty of love,
my sloth in the heavenly race,
my sullied conscience,
my wasted hours,

my unspent opportunities.
I am blind while the light shines around me:
take the scales from my eyes,
grind to dust my heart of unbelief.
Make it my highest joy to know you,
meditate on you,
gaze upon you,
sit like Mary at your feet,
lean like John on your breast,
appeal like Peter to your love.
I believe, help my unbelief. Amen

Silent Prayer of Confession – make what you have just prayed your own before God's face

Assurance of Pardon –Read aloud these verses of assurance

"God demonstrates his own love for us in this:
While we were still sinners, Christ died for us.
Since we have now been justified by his blood,
how much more shall we be saved
from God's wrath through him!

For God did not send his Son into the world
to condemn the world,
but in order that the world might be saved through him!"
–Romans 5: 8-9; John 3: 17

Song of Assurance – read over/sing through this great hymn

“Be Thou My Vision”

Be Thou my Vision, O Lord of my heart, Naught be all else to me, save that Thou art Thou my best thought, by day or by night,
Waking or sleeping, Thy presence my light.

Be Thou my Wisdom, and Thou my true Word; I ever with Thee and Thou with me, Lord; Thou my great Father, I Thy true
son; Thou in me dwelling, and I with Thee one.

Riches I heed not, nor man’s empty praise, Thou mine inheritance, now and always: Thou and Thou only, first in my heart,
High King of heaven, my Treasure Thou art.

High King of heaven, my victory won, May I reach heaven’s joys, O bright heaven’s Sun! Heart of my own heart, whatever
befall, Still be my Vision, O Ruler of all.

Prayers of the People – use this time to pray for our church, our nation, our world, and whatever needs
you and your family/group have today.

Scripture Reading —John 14: 1-14

Hymn of Response

Jesus, lover of my soul, let me to thy bosom fly,
while the nearer waters roll, while the tempest still is high;
hide me, O my Savior, hide, till the storm of life is past;
safe into the haven guide, O receive my soul at last!

Other refuge have I none; hangs my helpless soul on thee;
leave, ah! leave me not alone, still support and comfort me.
All my trust on thee is stayed, all my help from thee I bring;
cover my defenseless head with the shadow of thy wing.

Plenteous grace with thee is found, grace to cover all my sin;
let the healing streams abound; make and keep me pure within.
Thou of life the fountain art; freely let me take of thee;
spring thou up within my heart, rise to all eternity.

Benediction – read aloud this benediction together

“Now may the God of peace himself sanctify you completely, and may your whole spirit, soul and body,
be kept blameless at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ. He who calls you is faithful; he will surely do
it.”

– 1 Thessalonians 5: 23-24