

**Live from St. John's Chapel
a Thursday evening Prayer Service**

Lighting of the Christ candle and silence

Call to Worship (Psalm 105)

Leader: Call on the name of God and give thanks.

All: Make known God's deeds among the people.

Leader: Sing and tell of God's wonderful works.

All: Let those who seek God rejoice in their hearts.

Leader: Let us worship God.

Opening Prayer (Psalm 105)

All: Liberating God, we seek your journey. With parted waters, set us free. With cloud and fire, guide us. With gushing waters, quench our thirst. With food from heaven, feed us. Draw us out with joy and singing, that we might know your ways. Amen.

Prayer of Confession (Philippians 1, Matthew 20)

All: God of fruitful labor, work sometimes brings out the worst in us. At home, at school, in the workplace, even in our relationship with you, we too easily question what others do and get, instead of taking care of our own business. Take away our bitterness. Teach us the art of the careful complaint. Give us grateful hearts, we pray. Amen.

Words of Assurance (Exodus 16, Philippians 1)

Leader: Hear the good news: what we do matters, but our salvation is God's doing. God hears our complaints, but also our prayers. God will not forget us. In Christ's name, we are forgiven. Amen.

Meditation

God's Version of Carry Out – by Rev. Mark Katrick

Unison Prayer and Prayers of the People (Matthew 20:1-16)

All: God of grace and mercy, whether we are lifelong laborers, or new arrivals in your vineyard, we know you value us just as we are. Hear now the prayers of thanks and concern that we now speak aloud or raise silently from our hearts.

(Silence, while petitions are offered.)

God of the last, God of the first, God of all those in between, hear these concerns as we seek your presence in our lives and in a world in need. Amen.

Passing the Peace

Leader: The peace of Christ be with you.

People: And also with you.

Leader: Let us share a sign of the peace of Christ with one another.

Benediction (Philippians 1)

Leader: Stand firm in the spirit; strive side by side; and live in a manner worthy of the gospel of Christ. Go in peace. Amen.