

# Grassroots Prayer Service

*A Cooperative Service of United Prayer*

*Hosted by Copper Hill United Methodist Church*

**The Lord's Day**

**November 15, 2015**

## Call to Prayer

Welcome

**Pastor Kelvin Jones**

Call to Prayer:

Isaiah 55:6-7 (NIV 2011)

Pastor: "Seek the Lord while He may be found; call on Him while He is near.

**People: Let the wicked forsake their ways and the unrighteous their thoughts. Let them turn to the Lord, and He will have mercy on them, and to our God, for He will freely pardon.**

Invocation

Explanation of key verse for the service:

*"If My people, who are called by my name, will humble themselves and pray and seek My face and turn from their wicked ways, then I will hear from heaven, and I will forgive their sin and will heal their land."*

2 Chron. 7:14

## **Prayers of God's People Acknowledging Him**

*"If My people, who are called by My name..."*

Hymn Affirming our Faith in God

"A Mighty Fortress"

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Scripture for Meditation:

**Pastor Al Royal**

*"You are my witnesses. Is there any God besides me?*

*No, there is no other Rock; I know not one."* Isa. 44:8

Prayers of Adoration

Chorus of Adoration: "How Great is Our God"

(see insert)

## **Prayers of Humility**

**Pastor Peter Preiser**

*"If My people...will humble themselves and pray..."*

*and seek My face and turn from their wicked ways..."*

Unison Prayer of Personal Confession:

**Our heavenly Father, John the Baptist confessed that he was not worthy to untie the sandals of Your Son Jesus. So we acknowledge that we are not worthy of the gifts of forgiveness that You extend to us in Jesus. We confess that we are prone to neglect Your Word and to do what is comfortable rather than what You have asked.**

**We acknowledge that sin easily attracts us, and we often fail to flee to You for the promised way of escape from our temptations. We regret that we often do not follow through on our best intentions to serve You. Forgive us for being distracted by many things and failing to be "salt" and "light" to our hurting world as You have asked us. Please renew our hearts and minds in Christ Jesus, in whose name we pray, AMEN.**

Silent Prayers of Confession

Comfortable words:

1 John 1:9

*"If we confess our sins, He is faithful and just and will forgive us our sins and purify us from all unrighteousness."*

## **Prayers of Confession on Behalf of Others**

**Pastor Kelvin Jones**

Special Music – Combined Choir

"If My People Medley"

Arr. & Directed by JoAnne D. Jones

Scripture Reading: Nehemiah 1

Korean-style Prayers of God's People:

### **Suggested Issues for Confession Regarding Our Country:**

Decreasing acknowledgment of God

Dishonesty and corruption

Increasing immorality

Increasing violence in society and in entertainment

Greed and inequity of wealth

Disrespect for life – abortion and euthanasia

Injustice against minorities and immigrants

## Intercession for our Country

**Pastor Al Royal**

Seeking God for the fulfillment of the promise:

*"I will heal their land."*

Reminder to pray for our leaders:

1 Tim 2:1-4

Pastor: "I urge, then, first of all, that petitions, prayers, intercession, and thanksgiving be made for all people;

**People: For kings and all those in authority that we may live peaceful and quiet lives in all godliness and holiness.**

Pastor: This is good, and pleases God our Savior,

**People: who wants all people to be saved and to come to a knowledge of the truth!"**

(See insert: Praying for our Leaders, Spiritual & Societal Needs)

## Prayers for the Body of Christ

**Pastor Peter Preiser**

"Always keep on praying for all the Lord's people." Eph. 6:18

That they would: be faithful to God's Word  
serve their communities  
minister to the least of these

That God would add to the churches new followers of Christ

That the Body of Christ would work together (John 17)

That God's grace would be upon them all

## Closing Prayers

**Pastor Kelvin Jones**

Silent Prayers for those in need

*"My God will meet all your needs according to the riches of His glory in Christ Jesus."* Phil 4:19

Silent Prayers for those who need to draw closer to God.

*"Open their eyes and turn them from darkness to light, and from the power of Satan to God, so that they may receive forgiveness of sins and a place among those who are sanctified by faith."* Acts 26:18

Closing Hymn:

"God of Our Fathers"

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Benediction



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