

# A Breath Prayer for the Easter Season:

"I put my trust in Your  
unfailing love."

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Order of Worship  
2 May 2021  
The Fifth Sunday of Easter

## We Gather to Worship God

Prelude Music  
Welcome  
Call to Worship  
Worship Reading from Psalm 22  
Worship in Song

## We Listen to the Scriptures

Prayers of the People  
Scripture Reading: Acts 8.26-40  
Sermon: "Giving Myself Completely"

## We Come to the Table

The Peace  
Prayer of Confession and Consecration  
We Eat and Drink Together  
The Lord's Prayer  
Prayer of Thanksgiving  
We Celebrate the Eucharist in Song

## We Go to Live in the Reign of God

Community Life  
Gossiping the Good Stuff  
Doxology  
Blessing and Sending



Our mission is to learn the way of Jesus together as we invite others to join us at His Table.

### Our Common Practices

#### We Gather

We gather for worship more often than not.  
We gather in smaller groups to connect, learn, and grow.  
We create hospitable space for one another.

#### We Grow

We attend the means of grace daily. (i.e. We attend to the presence of God through Scripture reading and meditation, prayer on behalf of others and myself, breath prayer, spiritual reading and study...).  
We nurture our faith.  
We attend to relationships that promote growth.  
We develop and learn as human beings made in the image of God.

#### We Give

We are a generous people who give our time and resources to the mission of God and the world.  
We tithe as the means through which our community enjoys fiscal health so as to minister generously.

#### We Go

We follow Jesus into the world as His healing presence.  
We help the vulnerable among us.  
We go into the world offering Jesus' invitation to gather at His Table.



LIVING IN HIS PRESENCE:

## Giving Myself Completely

Psalm 51 (NIV)

Why Do I \_\_\_\_\_ To Give Myself To God Completely?

### David's Path to Failure (2 Samuel 11)

- David neglected his \_\_\_\_\_
- David let down his guard and yielded to \_\_\_\_\_
- David made a \_\_\_\_\_
- David \_\_\_\_\_ repeatedly against God
- David \_\_\_\_\_ his wrong behavior

### Our Path to Failure

- We \_\_\_\_\_ the spiritual disciplines of prayer, reading the Word, and corporate worship
- We let down our guard and \_\_\_\_\_ to temptation
- We MAKE a \_\_\_\_\_ against God's ways
- We \_\_\_\_\_ against God

## Why \_\_\_\_\_ I Give Myself Completely to God?

<sup>1</sup> Have mercy on me, O God, according to your unfailing love; according to your great compassion blot out my transgressions. <sup>2</sup> Wash away all my iniquity and cleanse me from my sin. <sup>3</sup> For I know my transgressions, and my sin is always before me.

<sup>4</sup> Against you, you only, have I sinned and done what is evil in your sight, so that you are proved right when you speak and justified when you judge. <sup>5</sup> Surely I was sinful at birth, sinful from the time my mother conceived me. <sup>6</sup> Surely you desire truth in the inner parts; you teach me wisdom in the inmost place.

<sup>7</sup> Cleanse me with hyssop, and I will be clean; wash me, and I will be whiter than snow. <sup>8</sup> Let me hear joy and gladness; let the bones you have crushed rejoice. <sup>9</sup> Hide your face from my sins and blot out all my iniquity.

<sup>10</sup> Create in me a pure heart, O God, and renew a steadfast spirit within me. <sup>11</sup> Do not cast me from your presence or take your Holy Spirit from me. <sup>12</sup> Restore to me the joy of your salvation and grant me a willing spirit, to sustain me.

<sup>13</sup> Then I will teach transgressors your ways, and sinners will turn back to you. <sup>14</sup> Save me from bloodguilt, O God, the God who saves me, and my tongue will sing of your righteousness. <sup>15</sup> O Lord, open my lips, and my mouth will declare your praise.

<sup>16</sup> You do not delight in sacrifice, or I would bring it; you do not take pleasure in burnt offerings. <sup>17</sup> The sacrifices of God are a broken spirit; a broken and contrite heart, O God, you will not despise.

Psalm 51:1-13 (NIV)

- God is loving and \_\_\_\_\_ (v.1)
- God is \_\_\_\_\_ (v.1)
- God alone can \_\_\_\_\_ us (v.2-3)
- God is our \_\_\_\_\_ (v.4)
- God desires \_\_\_\_\_ (v.6)
- God is \_\_\_\_\_ (v.10-11)
- God is our source of \_\_\_\_\_ (v.12-14)
- God is our source of \_\_\_\_\_ (v.15)
- God desires a \_\_\_\_\_ heart (v.16-17)

## What Will I \_\_\_\_\_ When I Give Myself to God Completely?

- A \_\_\_\_\_ God – David experienced a God that would not tolerate sin and disobedience
- A \_\_\_\_\_ God – David experienced a God that forgives when we repent
- A \_\_\_\_\_ God – David experienced a God that brought healing and a renewed relationship

Will you surrender \_\_\_\_\_  
area of your life to God today?