## We Gather as the People of God

Musical Call to Worship

Greeting and Invitation to Discipleship

**Opening Sentences** 

Leader: We have come to meet our God who welcomes us.

People: We have gathered to experience God's steadfast love.

Leader: We come asking, searching, and knocking.

People: We seek the good gifts only God can provide.

Hymn No. **634** To God Be the Glory TO GOD BE THE GLORY

(Hymn on the following pages)

Call to Confession

**Prayer of Confession** 

(Let us pray with one voice.)

Merciful God, we confess that we have conformed our lives to the ways of the world and not the ways of your kingdom. We exalt possessions and power, when you alone are to be exalted. We let conflicts prevail over grace and divisions over harmony.

Have mercy upon us, we pray. Forgive and transform us. Through Jesus Christ we pray. Amen.

(Moment for Silent Prayer)

Assurance of Pardon

Exchange of the Peace

Leader: The peace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you.

People: And also with you.

Leader: Greet one another in the peace of Christ.

We Hear God's Word

Prayer for Illumination

First Reading Luke 11:1-4

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

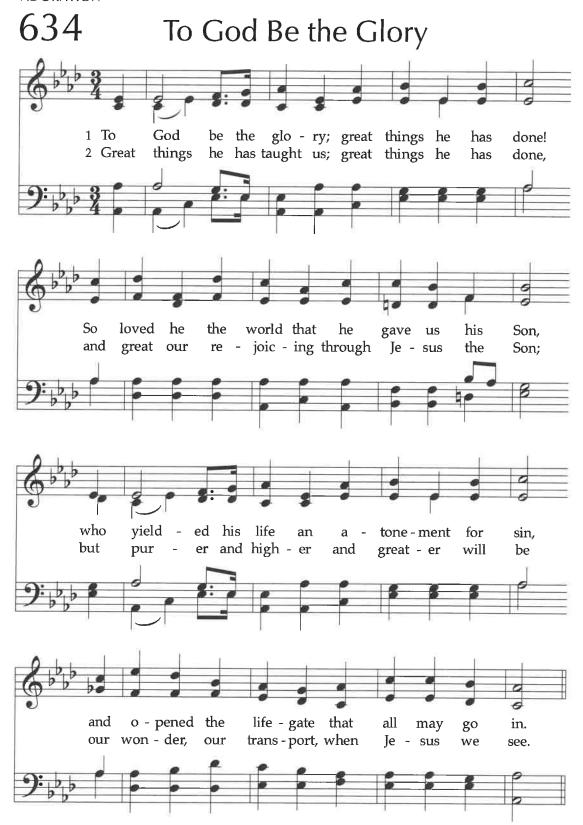
People: Thanks be to God.

Second Reading Matthew 6:5-15

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Sermon The Lord's Prayer Catherine Neelly Burton



This American gospel song became popular in England in the late 19th century, then returned to this country in the mid-20th century with the Billy Graham crusades. Its continuing popularity may well be due to the freedom from subjective considerations in its praise of God.



## We Respond to God's Word

Affirmation of Faith(from Belonging to God Children's Catechism)

Question 46. Why do we pray to God?

Because we were created to live with God, who desires the prayers of our hearts. Our hearts long for God, for we need God's help and guidance every day.

Question 47. What do we do when we pray?

When we pray, we adore God, we confess our sins, we give God thanks, and we pray for the needs of others and ourselves.

Question 48. How did Jesus teach his followers to pray? He taught them the words of the Lord's Prayer. Amen.

Offertory Sentence

Offertory

Joys and Concerns of the People

Joy: First Presbyterian Wellington Ministry: Student Ministry

Care and Comfort: Alison Crouch, Elizabeth Feemster, June Vogt, Schools, Wildfires in the West, Hurricanes on the East and Gulf Coasts

Prayers of the People

The Lord's Prayer (Traditional)

Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory, forever. Amen.

## We Are Sent as God's Servants into the World

Hymn No. 644 Give Thanks, O Christian People ES FLOG EIN KLEINS WALDVOGELEIN

(Hymn on the following page)

Charge and Blessing

Leader: Alleluia! Amen.

People: Alleluia! Amen.

The Postlude

## Leading and Serving in Worship Today

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This text was written by a Presbyterian director of Christian education in Washington, DC, to honor the ministry of a colleague who was leaving the area. It is an effective reminder that God's people serve in many vocations and ministries. The tune adapts a secular German song.