

 **FLAME OF FAITH** UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

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Community of God

May 1, 2024 † 6:00 pm Worship

**\* Opening Song**

You Never Let Go

Bill Egan  
Worship Leader

**Welcome**

Pastor Sara McManus

**A Time of Prayer**

**The Lord's Prayer**

Our God in heaven, hallowed be Your name. Your kingdom come, Your will be done, on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins, as we forgive those who sin against us. Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power and the glory are Yours now and forever. Amen

**\* Song of the Day**

Pray Like Breathing

Bill Egan  
Worship Leader

**Announcements**

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James 3:13-4:3, 3:7-8a

Pastor Sara McManus

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Root of Conflict

Pastor Sara McManus

**\* Closing Song**

I'm Not Ashamed

Bill Egan  
Worship Leader

**\* Benediction**

# You Never Let Go

(Beth Redman; Matt Redman)

## Verse 1

Even though I walk  
through the valley  
Of the shadow of death

Your perfect love  
is casting out fear

And even when I'm  
caught in the middle  
Of the storms of this life

I won't turn back  
I know You are near

## Chorus 1

And I will fear no evil  
For my God is with me  
And if my God is with me

Whom then shall I fear  
Whom then shall I fear

## Chorus 2

Oh no You never let go  
Through the calm

and through the storm  
Oh no You never let go

In ev'ry high and ev'ry low  
Oh no You never let go  
Lord You never let go of me

Verse 2

And I can see a light  
that is coming  
For the heart that  
holds on

A glorious light beyond  
all compare  
And there will be an  
end to these troubles

But until that day comes  
We'll live to know  
You here on the earth

# Pray Like Breathing

(Sam Ashworth, Aaron Spiro, Charlie Peacock)

Verse 1:

Pray  
for the kingdom come  
For Thy will be done

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Even when you don't  
Feel a thing

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Seek  
seek the throne of grace  
Time to see and taste

--

The sweetness of  
the king of peace

Chorus 1:

Pray like breathing  
When you're sleeping  
Pray for meaning  
When you work

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In everything,  
pray like breathing  
In everything,

pray like breathing  
Pray like breathing

Verse 2:

Pray  
when you're feeling fine  
When you feel like  
you're losing your mind

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Either way  
Turn to God  
and pray

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Pray  
every moment of the day  
Live in this new way

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Speak the truth and tell  
God what you think  
and feel

Chorus 2:

Pray like breathing  
when you're sleeping  
Pray without ceasing  
When you work

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In everything,  
pray like breathing

In everything,  
pray like breathing

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Pray like breathing

## **James 3:13-4:3**

Not many of you should become teachers, my brothers and sisters, for you know that we who teach will be judged with greater strictness.

For all of us make many mistakes. Anyone who makes no mistakes in speaking is perfect, able to keep the whole body in check with a bridle.

If we put bits into the mouths of horses to make them obey us, we guide their whole bodies.

Or look at ships: though they are so large that it takes strong winds to drive them, yet they are guided by a very small rudder wherever the will of the pilot directs.

So also the tongue is a small member, yet it boasts of great exploits.

How great a forest is set ablaze by a small fire! And the tongue is a fire. The tongue is placed among our members as a world of iniquity; it stains the whole body, sets on fire the cycle of nature, and is itself set on fire by hell.

For every species of beast and bird, of reptile and sea creature, can be tamed and has been tamed by the human species, but no one can tame the tongue—a restless evil, full of deadly poison.

With it we bless the Lord and Father, and with it we curse those who are made in the likeness of God. From the same mouth come blessing and cursing. My brothers and sisters, this ought not to be so.

Does a spring pour forth from the same opening both fresh and brackish water? Can a fig tree, my brothers and sisters, yield olives, or a grapevine figs? No more can salt water yield fresh.

### **James 3:7-8a**

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but no one can tame the tongue—a restless evil, full of deadly poison.



# **Holy Communion**

## **The Great Thanksgiving for Easter Day or Season**

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Leader: Christ our Lord invites to His table all who love Him, who earnestly repent of their sin and seek to live in peace with one another. Therefore, let us confess our sin before God and one another.

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**All: Merciful God, we confess that we have not loved You with our whole heart. We have failed to be an obedient church.**

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**We have not done Your will, we have broken Your law, we have rebelled against Your love, we have not loved our neighbors, and we have not heard the cry of the needy.**

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**Forgive us, we pray. Free us for joyful obedience, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

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Leader: Hear the good news: Christ died for us while we were yet sinners; that proves God's love toward us. In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven!

**People: In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven!**

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Leader: Glory to God!

**All: Amen.**

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Leader: The Lord be with you.

**People: And also with you.**

Leader: Lift up your hearts.

**People: We lift them up to the Lord.**

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Leader: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**People: It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

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Leader: It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to You, Almighty God, creator of heaven and earth.

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You formed us in Your image and breathed into us the breath of life. When we turned away, and our love failed, Your love remained steadfast.

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You delivered us from captivity, made covenant to be our sovereign God, brought us to a land flowing with milk and honey, and set before us the way of life.

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And so, with Your people on earth and all the company of heaven we praise Your name and join their unending hymn:

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**All: Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is the One who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.**

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Leader: Holy are You, and blessed is Your Son Jesus Christ.

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By the baptism of His suffering, death, and resurrection You gave birth to Your Church, delivered us from slavery to sin and death, and made with us a new covenant by water and the Spirit.

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By Your great mercy we have been born anew to a living hope through the resurrection of Your Son from the dead and to an inheritance that is imperishable, undefiled, and unfading.

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Once we were no people, but now we are Your people, declaring Your wonderful deeds in Christ, who called us out of darkness into His marvelous light.

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When the Lord Jesus ascended, He promised to be with us always, in the power of Your Word and Holy Spirit.

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On the night in which He gave Himself up for us, He took bread, gave thanks to You, broke the bread, gave it to His disciples, and said: *"Take, eat; this is my body which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me."*

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When the supper was over He took the cup, gave thanks to You, gave it to His disciples, and said:

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*"Drink from this, all of you; this is my blood of the new covenant, poured out for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me."*

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On the day You raised Him from the dead He was recognized by His disciples in the breaking of the bread, and in the power of Your Holy Spirit your Church has continued in the breaking of the bread and the sharing of the cup.

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And so, in remembrance of these Your mighty acts in Jesus Christ, we offer ourselves in praise and thanksgiving as a holy and living sacrifice, in union with Christ's offering for us, as we proclaim the mystery of faith.

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**All: Christ has died;  
Christ is risen;  
Christ will come again.**

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Leader: Pour out Your Holy Spirit on us gathered here, and on these gifts of bread and cup. Make them be for us the body and blood of Christ, that we may be for the world the body of Christ, redeemed by His blood.

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By Your Spirit make us one with Christ, one with each other, and one in ministry to all the world, until Christ comes in final victory, and we feast at His heavenly banquet.

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Through Your Son Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit in Your holy Church, all honor and glory is Yours, Almighty God, now and for ever.

**All: Amen.**

# I'm Not Ashamed

(Peter Furler, Steve Taylor)

Chorus:

I'm not ashamed  
to let you know.  
I want this light  
in me to show.

I'm not ashamed  
to speak the name  
of Jesus Christ.

Verse 1:

What are we  
sneaking around for?  
Who are we  
trying to please?

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Shrugging off sin,  
apologizing  
like we're spreading  
some kind of disease.

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I'm saying,  
"No way,  
No way."

Verse 2:

This one says,  
"It's a lost cause;  
Save your testimonies  
for church time."

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The other ones state,  
"You'd better wait  
until you do a little  
market research."

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I'm saying,  
"No way,  
no way."

Ending:

I'm not ashamed  
to speak the name  
Of Jesus Christ