

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

THE LORD'S PRAYER

*Our Father which 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.*

INVITATION TO THE OFFERING

OFFERTORY	Hear My Prayer, O God	Jack Brooks
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***DOXOLOGY #607**

*Praise God from whom all blessings flow,
Praise Christ, all people here below;
Praise Holy Spirit evermore;
Praise Triune God, whom we adore. Amen.*

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

—Sending—

***HYMN #69** **I, the Lord of Sea and Sky**

*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

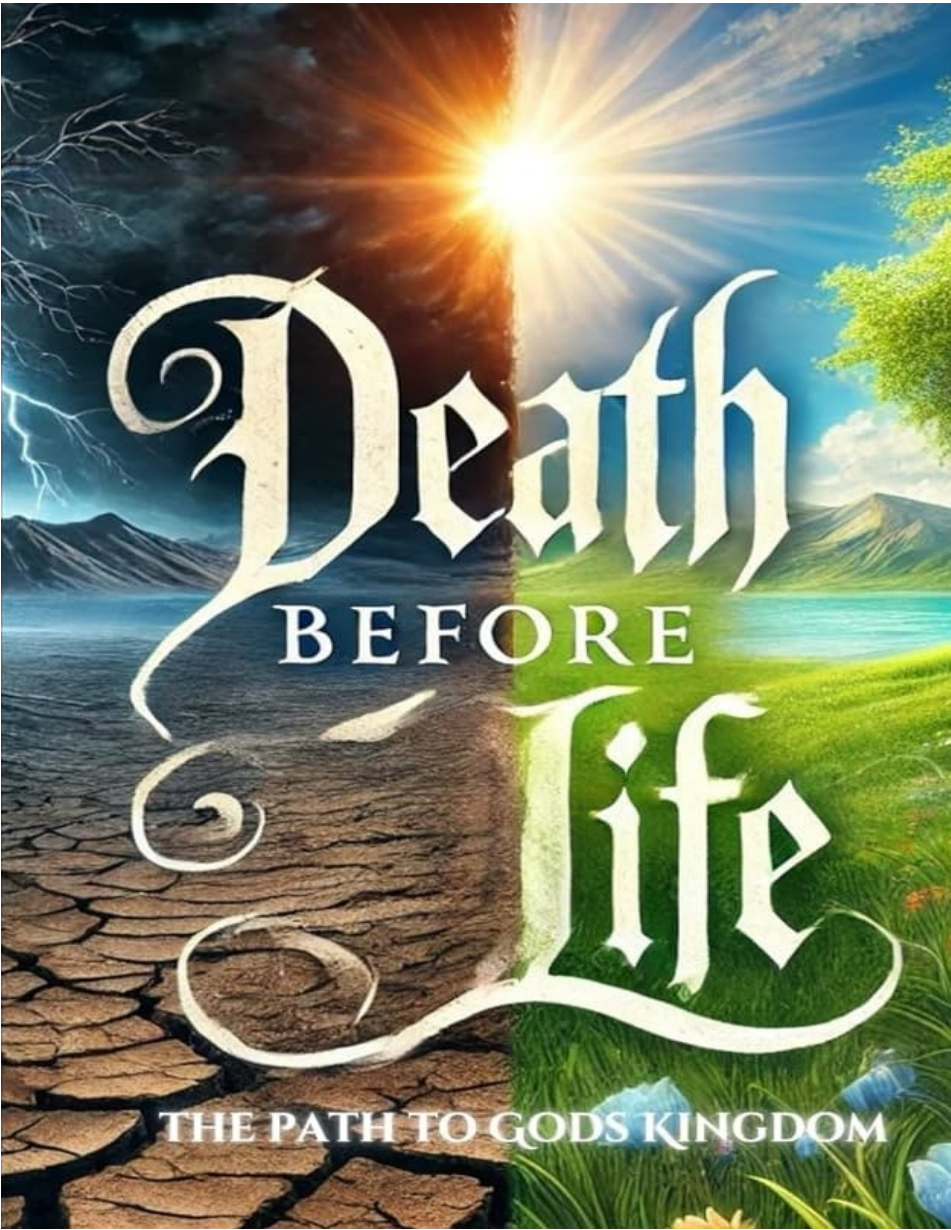
POSTLUDE
Source and Sovereign
Jack Brooks

You may be seated after the light passes you in the aisle.



Nancy Harris.....Administrative Assistant
Jack Brooks..Guest Organist

*Serving God,
Honoring Creation,
Embracing Differences*



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	(*) Please rise in body or in spirit <i>Bold Italic Letters</i> indicate congregational response	
	— <i>Gathering</i> —	
PRELUDE	Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise	Jack Brooks
WELCOME	Liturgist: Steve Lowe	
*CALL TO WORSHIP	Hear O Israel! I am calling! Are you listening? <i>We are here and we are ready.</i> Beloved Children, who do you say that I am? <i>You are our rock and our redeemer. Our trust is in you. Our hearts, minds and souls belong to you!</i> I created you, named you and have a calling for your life. We give thanks with our whole hearts for your steadfast love!	
*HYMN #1	Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty!	
CALL TO CONFESSION	You call out to us, Lord, but we struggle to listen. As we come before you with our hearts open, quiet the noise of the world, of our pressing thoughts and fears, so that we may hear your Spirit fully.	
PRAYER OF CONFESSION	<i>God of truth, like a moth that gnaws at wool, our brokenness eats away at our souls. We allow the cacophony of greed, selfishness, apathy and ignorance to drown out your voice as you call us to see the suffering in our world and respond to the needs of your children. In our busy lives, we convince ourselves that there is no time to help, no space for prayer and no need for justice. Forgive us. Remind us that only when we slow down and breathe deeply of your Holy Spirit and holy Word can our ears hear your voice. Inspire us to greater love for you and for one another. Amen.</i>	
ASSURANCE OF PARDON	The prophet Isaiah wrote, “Listen to me, my people, and give heed to me.” Jesus promised, “I will give you the keys to the kingdom.” We know love and forgiveness because God first loved us and has been calling out to us	

forever, “You are my beloved!” May we respond to such abundant grace with deep gratitude for God’s unending forgiveness. <i>God loves me, heals me, strengthens me and calls me by name. Through Jesus I am made whole! Thanks be to God!</i>		
*GLORIA PATRI #581	<i>Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost; as it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be, world without end. Amen, amen.</i>	
	— <i>Word</i> —	
PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION	God of light, your wisdom is right here, speaking truth to us in love. We pray for you to open our eyes, our ears and our hearts so we may drink in all that you have for us to learn today.	
FIRST READING	Psalm 130	Bible p. 542, Lg p. 705
	The Word of God. <i>Thanks be to God.</i>	
GOSPEL READING	John 11:17-44	Bible p. 98-99, Lg p. 127-129
	The Word of God for the people of God. <i>Thanks be to God.</i>	
SERMON	Death Comes Before Life	David Reeder
	— <i>Response</i> —	
*HYMN #726	Will You Come and Follow Me	
*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (The Confession of 1967)	<i>The new life finds its direction in the life of Jesus, his deeds and words, his struggles against temptation, his compassion, his anger, and his willingness to suffer death. The teaching of apostles and prophets guides men and women in living this life, and the Christian community nurtures and equips them for their ministries. The members of the church are emissaries of peace and seek the good of all in cooperation with powers and authorities in politics, culture, and economics. But they have to fight against pretensions and injustices when these same powers endanger human welfare. Their strength is in their confidence that God’s purpose rather than human schemes will finally prevail.</i>	