

## This Week at Mansfield 1st

### Announcements:

**Please remember to continue your tithes** “as the Lord leads you” while we are required to practice Social Distancing. You can either mail in your check to the church or tithe online:

Mansfield 1<sup>st</sup> EPC  
399 S. Trimble Road  
Mansfield, Ohio 44906

**“People- Helping People”:** If you are able to drop off your canned food items or fresh fruit and/or vegetables, Denny will still drop them off. Carey’s office hours are still Monday, Wednesday and Friday, 8 AM – 1 PM.

**Sermon Link to You Tube:** <https://www.mansfield1st.com/news-and-events/sermon-connect>

**Prayer Requests:** If you have any prayer requests, updates on requests, or even words of “praise”, PLEASE call them into the church office so that we can get them out to the Prayer Chain at the following number (419) 756-7066. If Carey is not there, you can still leave a voice mail!



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**“The Attitude of Prayer”**  
**Matthew 6:5-8**

**April 26, 2020**

## Order of Worship

Online-Prerecorded

04-26-2020

### **Announcements**

(See the end of the bulletin after Sermon Outline)

**Mission Statement:** "We serve to build relationships.

We build relationships to share the Gospel."

### Call To Worship (Psalm 145:17-21)

(Let's Prepare to Give Ourselves to Jesus)

#### Leader:

The LORD is righteous in all his ways and kind in all his works.

**People:** The LORD is near to all who call on him, to all who call on him in truth.

**Leader:** He fulfills the desire of those who fear him; he also hears their cry and saves them.

**People:** The LORD preserves all who love him, but all the wicked he will destroy.

**ALL:** My mouth will speak the praise of the LORD, and let all flesh bless his holy name forever and ever.

### Prayer of Confession & Assurance of Pardon

#### Almighty God:

LORD, we have sinned and been self-centered without considering how much You love us. You see our sins more clearly that we can see them ourselves. LORD, You know when we are indifferent to Your Word and how often we forget to pray. You know the times when we come unwillingly to worship, yet we turn to you when we are in trouble. LORD, you know when we are untruthful and when we think ill of others. You see our anger and our unkindness, and You know how hard it is for us to forgive. LORD, we ask you to forgive us and make us clean - willing to obey Your call. We want to be salt and light in a dark world so that others know that we follow You. Through Jesus Christ, our LORD, we pray. Amen

### Hymn of Praise

**"O For A Thousand Tongues to Sing"**

### **REMINDER TO WORSHIP WITH TITHES**

**Scripture:** Matthew 6:5-8

**Sermon:** "The Attitude of Prayer"

### Song of Response:

**"Bless the Lord, Oh My Soul"**

### Prayers of God's People (Hebrews 4:14-16)

**"<sup>14</sup> Since then we have a great high priest who has passed through the heavens, Jesus, the Son of God, let us hold fast our confession. <sup>15</sup> For we do not have a high priest who is unable to sympathize with our weaknesses, but one who in every respect has been tempted as we are, yet without sin. <sup>16</sup> Let us then with confidence draw near to the throne of grace, that we may receive mercy and find grace to help in time of need."**

Ask Jesus to Grow His Love in You...

Ask Jesus to Grow His Love in Someone Who Needs It...

Ask Jesus to Grow His Love in Our Community...

Ask Jesus to Grow His Love in Our Nation...

### Lord's Prayer:

Our Father who is in heaven, holy is Your Name. Your kingdom come, Your 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. Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from the evil one. For thine is the Kingdom and the Power and the Glory forever. Amen!

### \*Closing Hymn:

**"It Is Well With My Soul"**

Sermon Series: Outward Versus Inward

"The Attitude of Prayer"

Matthew 6:5-8

I. "Barriers to Prayer." [Matthew 6:5; Exodus 20:18-19]

II. "The ATTITUDE of PRAYER Jesus Offers Us."

A. A RIGHT ATTITUDE in Prayer: "In the Secret Place" [Matthew 6:6]

B. A WRONG ATTITUDE in Prayer: "Prayer-Babbling"

[Matthew 6:7; 1 Samuel 1:15]

III. "God's Attitude Towards Us in Prayer."

1. Attitude of God, #1: "God's ABILITY Will ALWAYS Be GREATER Than Ours". [Romans 8:26-27]

- A Personal Challenge: Let Jesus HELP You Pray.

2. Attitude of God, #2: "God's DESIRE Will ALWAYS Be GREATER Than Ours". [1 John 5:14]

- A Personal Challenge: "Let Jesus Give You DESIRE for Him."

Attitude of God, #3: "God's DELIGHT Will ALWAYS Be GREATER Than Ours". [Ephesians 3:20]

- A Personal Challenge: Let Jesus Teach You to DELIGHT in Him.

- Summary: 3 Things to Remember About OVERCOMING BARRIERS TO PRAYER.

1. Jesus Desires Us to Overcome Obstacles to Pray.

Jesus Desires Us to Pray WITH Him and not just TO Him.

Jesus Also Desires to Be WITH Us When We Pray.

LET'S PRAY...