

December 18, 2022



**Lenexa United  
Methodist Church**

## **THE LORD'S PRAYER**

***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 trespasses,  
as we forgive those  
who trespass against us.  
And lead us not into temptation,  
but deliver us from evil,  
for Thine is the kingdom,  
and the power,  
and the glory forever.  
  
Amen.***

## **COMMUNITY PRAYER**

***God of hope, you call us home from the  
exile of selfish oppression to the  
freedom of justice, the balm of healing,  
and the joy of sharing.***

***Make us strong to join you in your  
holy work, as friends of strangers  
and victims, companions of those  
whom others shun, and as  
the happiness of those whose  
hearts are broken.***

***In the name of the Father, Son,  
and the Holy Spirit.  
Amen.***

## **CALL TO WORSHIP**

One: God so loved the world  
that he gave his only Son,

**All: so that whoever believes in him  
should not perish, but have eternal life.**

One: LOVE is patient, LOVE is kind  
and envies no one.

**All: LOVE is never boastful or conceited,  
rude or selfish.**

One: LOVE is not quick to take offense,  
it keeps no records of wrongs.

**All: LOVE never ends.**

One: We light again the candles of HOPE,  
PEACE, and JOY as we remember  
that Christ will come again and  
bring us everlasting peace and joy.  
Today, we light the candle of LOVE  
to remind us of how God's perfect  
LOVE is found in Jesus.

**All: Jesus shows us God's perfect LOVE.  
He is God's LOVE in human form.  
O come, O come, Emmanuel.**