

**Morning Prayer/Stauffer Chapel**  
**February 12, 2007**  
**Led by D'Esta Love, University Chaplain**

**Call to Worship**

The heavens are telling the glory of God;  
And the firmament proclaims God's handiwork.  
In the day we give glory to God,  
And at night we remember God's love. (Ps 19:1,2)

The earth is the Lord's and all that is in it,  
The world, and those who live in it. (Ps. 24:1)

Make a joyful noise to the Lord, all the earth.  
Worship the Lord with gladness;  
Come into God's presence with singing.  
Give thanks, and bless God's holy name. (Ps 100: 1, 2, 4)

Bless the Lord, O my soul,  
And all that is within me, bless God's holy name.  
Bless the Lord, O my soul,  
And do not forget all God's benefits. (Ps. 103: 1,2)

I lift up my eyes to the hills—  
From where will my help come?  
My help comes from the Lord  
Who made heaven and earth. (Ps 121:1,2)

**Invocation**

O Lord, our God, we affirm with all of creation that you have made us and that you sustain us each day by your word and that your loving kindness toward us endures forever. We come before you in the morning and are warmed by your presence. Our hearts are lifted up as we see your glory in the beauty of all that surrounds us, especially as we look out upon the ocean and see the light that streams into this chapel. With these manifestations of your goodness and your grace we give thanks for the bounty you provide each day and for the help that comes from your hand. We are grateful that you have invited us to participate in your life and in your work in this world. We give ourselves to the promptings of your Holy Spirit as we seek to do your will this day. May all that we do be an offering in the name of Jesus, through whom we pray, Amen.

*Silence*

**Prayer**

We give thanks to you, O God, for your faithfulness in providing for us this new day.  
**We thank you, O God.**

Great and loving Father, we praise and thank you for the gift of renewal in Jesus Christ.  
**We thank you, O God.**

O God, we praise you for making all things new every morning and we are grateful that your mercies never come to an end.  
**We thank you, O God.**

God of mercy, we give thanks that you lift up the lowly and heal those who are sick, that you see our need and you provide.  
**We thank you, O God.**

May our lives reflect the gratitude of our hearts and may we live this day in joy and praise. In the name of Jesus,  
**Amen**

### **Psalm 108**

My heart is steadfast, O God, my heart is steadfast;  
I will sing and make melody.

**Awake, my soul.**

I will give thanks to you, O Lord, among the peoples,

**And I will sing praises to you among the nations.**

For your steadfast love is higher than the heavens,

**And your faithfulness reaches to the clouds.**

Be exalted, O God, above the heavens,

**And let your glory be over all the earth.**

### **Reading**

Do not ask anxiously, What are we to eat? What are we to drink?  
What shall we wear? The whole world runs after such things. Set your hearts and minds on God's kingdom and justice first, and all the rest will come to you as well. So do not be anxious about tomorrow. Today has enough problems of its own; tomorrow can look after itself.

### **Prayer – individually spoken prayers**

#### **Closing 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**

