



First United Methodist Church Pastor's Bible Study  
 Wednesdays, August 20 – September 24, 2025  
*with the Rev. Dr. Geoffrey Lentz*

## COURSE SYLLABUS

### TEXT:

Geoffrey Lentz, *Bold to Say: Learning & Living the Lord's Prayer*

### OBJECTIVE:

Together we will explore the Lord's Prayer as both a guide to faith and a radical call to discipleship. Using *Bold to Say* as our primary text, each week we will dive into a different petition of the prayer, engaging Scripture, history, and theology in order to discover how this prayer can transform our daily lives and our church.

### SCHEDULE:

#### August 20 – “Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name”

**Reading:** Chapter 1, Matthew 6:9; Romans 8:15

**Topic:** What does it mean to call God “Father?” How does the Lord's Prayer shape our identity as God's children?

#### August 27 – “Thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven”

**Reading:** Chapter 2, Matthew 6:10; Luke 4:16–21

**Topic:** The kingdom is not an abstract hope, but a present reality. We'll explore how Jesus' prayer calls us to embody God's reign here and now.

#### September 3 – “Give us this day our daily bread”

**Reading:** Chapter 3, Matthew 6:11; Exodus 16:1–30

**Topic:** Trust, dependence, and God's provision—how the prayer shapes our understanding of abundance and generosity.

#### September 10 – “Forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us”

**Reading:** Chapter 4, Matthew 6:12; Luke 15

**Topic:** Forgiveness as the heart of the Gospel and the challenge of extending grace to others.

#### September 17 – “Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil”

**Reading:** Chapter 5, Matthew 6:13; James 1:12–18

**Topic:** Wrestling with temptation, sin, and God's power to deliver.

#### September 24 – “Thine is the kingdom... & Amen (combined)”

**Reading:** Chapters 6–7, Matthew 6:13 (doxology), 2 Corinthians 1:20

**Topic:** The prayer's climax: giving glory to God and sealing it with a bold “Amen.”