

## SABBATH CHAPEL MORNING PRAYER

New every morning is your love, great God of light as you work all day long for good in the world. On this Sabbath morning we gather to praise your Holy Name and offer thanksgiving for the blessings given to us, especially the salvation given through Jesus Christ our Lord. Let us open our hearts to the presence of your Holy Spirit to guide us in our prayers. Through your Holy Spirit we unite with fellow Christians throughout the world and to pray for their wellbeing.

On this day we ask your blessings for our leaders in worship. May all that is offered be pleasing to you. We lift our pastors to you, giving thanks for their leadership and shepherding of this congregation in Burke, VA. Let the message they bring open hearts and minds to Christ's call, direction, and comfort those troubled in mind, body, or spirit. Bless our teachers who share your love and word with their students.

We lift to you those who will gather in worship this morning in person or online that they will be inspired, comforted, and strengthened to do your kingdom work in the world. We pray that gathered members will be attentive to those in need of greeting, a kind word or warm smile and the visitors among us.

Guide our Bishop Sue Haupert-Johnson as she leads our Virginia United Methodist Conference, the Cabinet that serves with her and the conference staff as they guide and support our local churches.

Grant that this congregation known as Burke United Methodist Church will continue to reach out beyond our front doors to share and assist those in need as we continue the vital work of making disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the word. Amen