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Prelude
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HYMN
Ty Woodward

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Tricia Guerrero
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CONGREGATIONAL PRAYER

THE LORD’S PRAYER
Rev. Farris
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POSTLUDE Rigaudon from Indoménée (André Campra) Ty Woodward

WRITTEN BY: Jamie Jones

SPEAKER: William Martinez, Ty Woodward

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