

THE CALL TO WORSHIP

One voice: When the seas roar and the winds howl.

Many voices: God is our refuge and strength.

One voice: Though the earth should shake,
And the mountains tremble.

Many voices: God is our refuge and strength.

One voice: In times of tumult
And in times of trial.

Many voices: God is our refuge and strength.

All: Let us worship the living God!

From Psalm 46

THE OPENING HYMN

Let Us with a Gladsome Mind

1 Let us with a gladsome mind
praise the Lord who is so kind:
for God's mercies shall endure,
ever faithful, ever sure.

2 God, with all-commanding might,
filled the new-made world with light:
for God's mercies shall endure,
ever faithful, ever sure.

3 All things living God does feed;
with full measure, meets their need:
for God's mercies shall endure,
ever faithful, ever sure.

4 Let us with a gladsome mind
praise the Lord who is so kind:
for God's mercies shall endure,
ever faithful, ever sure.

THE PRAYER OF CONFESSION

O God, in faith we believe that in the beginning, the earth was a formless void and darkness covered the face of the deep. In faith, we believe that out of darkness and chaos, you created everything that is. But when we see such darkness and chaos with our own eyes, when the wind howls and the sun disappears and the rains pour down and the sea rises and floods our cities, our faith can fail us. We lose sight of who you are, a God of love and compassion, the God of all creation; and we lose sight of who we are, people of hope, people of prayer, people of action. Forgive us, O God; strengthen our faith and renew our vision as we look toward the dawn of a new day, and a bright hopeful future. Through Christ we pray...

A TIME FOR THE CHILD IN US ALL

A READING FROM THE GOSPELS Matthew 20:1-6

THE SERMON The Last Hour Crew

THE AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

We believe in God around us,
Creator of all things, sustainer of all life.

We believe in Christ beside us,
Healer and friend, redeemer of all the broken pieces of our universe.

We believe in Spirit deep within us,
Advocate and guide, who lives with us eternally.

We believe in God's promised reign;
Where all things are made whole,
and all creation fits together in vibrant harmonies.

We believe in God around, beside, within,
God yesterday, today and forever, the three in one, the one in three,

We believe in God.

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THE PASTORAL PRAYER

THE CLOSING HYMN

Today We All Are Called To Be

1 Today we all are called to be
disciples of the Lord,
to help to set the captive free,
make plowshare out of sword,
to feed the hungry, quench their thirst,
make love and peace our fast,
to serve the poor and homeless first,
our ease and comfort last.

2 God made the world and at its birth
ordained our human race
to live as stewards of the earth,
responding to God's grace.
But we are vain and sadly proud;
we sow not peace but strife.
Our discord spreads a deadly cloud
that threatens all of life.

3 Pray justice may come rolling down
as in a mighty stream,
with righteousness in field and town
to cleanse us and redeem.
For God is longing to restore
an earth where conflicts cease,
a world that was created for
a harmony of peace.

4 May we in service to our God
act out the living word,
and walk the road the saints have trod
till all have seen and heard.
As stewards of the earth may we
give thanks in one accord
to God who calls us all to be
disciples of the Lord.

THE CHARGE AND BENEDICTION