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### CALL TO WORSHIP

O God, who is greater than the most powerful forces in this world, enable us to be still and know that you are God.

**O Lord who answers out of the whirlwind  
of everyday life,  
breathe in us your Holy Spirit  
to strengthen, comfort,  
and guide us in the midst of the storm.**

O still, small voice, speak to us in this time of worship

**that we might receive your peace,  
and become makers of your peace  
in our homes, in our communities,  
in our world.**

We pray all this in the name of the One who calmed the raging sea.

### HYMN *Sing Praise to God Who Reigns Above*

Sing praise to God who reigns above,  
the God of all creation,  
the God of power, the God of love,  
the God of our salvation.  
With healing balm my soul he fills  
and every faithless murmur stills.  
To God all praise and glory!

The Lord is never far away,  
but through all grief distressing,  
an ever-present help and stay,  
our peace and joy and blessing.  
As with a mother's tender hand,  
God gently leads the chosen band:  
To God all praise and glory!

Thus all my toilsome way along,  
I sing aloud his praises,  
that all may hear the grateful song  
my voice unwearied raises.  
Be joyful in the Lord, my heart,  
both soul and body bear your part:  
To God all praise and glory!

### LENTEEN PRAYER OF REFLECTION AND CONFESSION (based on 1 Kings 19:8-15)

**O God, you come to us  
not in the chaos of a whirlwind,  
not in the roar of an earthquake,  
not in the crackling heat of fire,  
but in the sound of sheer silence.**



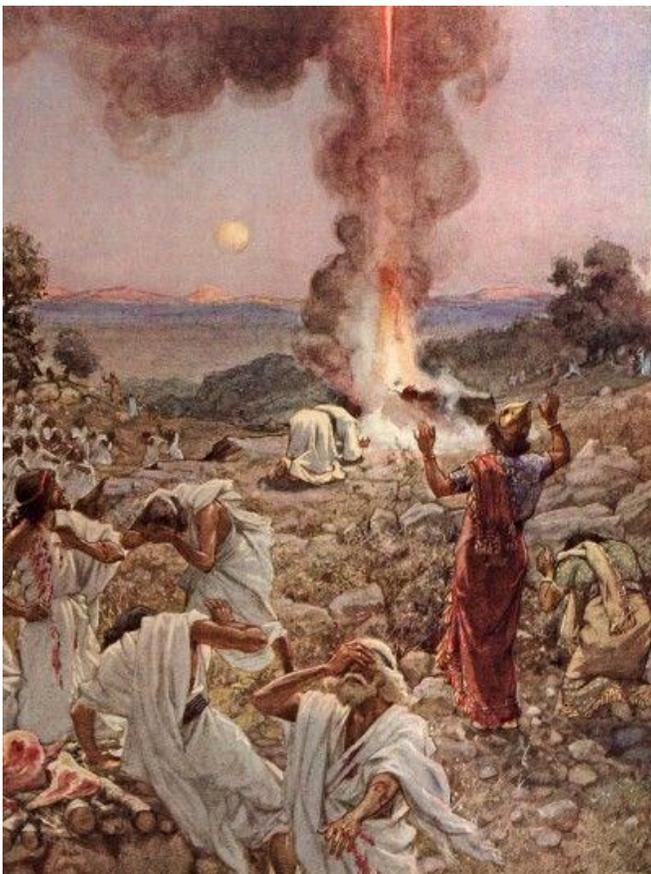
**Quiet our minds,  
bring peace to our hearts  
and stillness to our bodies  
that we might meet you in that silence.  
Help us to listen for your still, small voice.**



**Forgive us for the times  
when we go our own way,  
or listen to voices other than yours,  
for the direction we need.  
Give us the courage to go wherever you lead us,  
trusting that you will prepare the way.  
We pray this  
in the name of our Companion on the journey,  
Jesus the Christ.**

(time for silent prayer and reflection)





**MESSAGE** God's People in Wilderness:  
Elijah in the Cave

**PRAYER**

**HYMN** *You Shall Go Out with Joy*

You shall go out with joy  
and be led forth with peace;  
the mountains and the hills  
will break forth before you;  
there'll be shouts of joy,  
and all the trees of the field  
will clap, will clap their hands.

And all the trees of the field will clap their hands;  
the trees of the field will clap their hands,  
the trees of the field will clap their hands  
while you go out with joy.

**BENEDICTION**

May the grace of Christ attend you,  
The love of God surround you,  
And the Holy Spirit keep you,  
That you may live in faith,  
Abound in hope,  
And grow in love,  
Now and forevermore.  
And all of God's people said, Amen!

*"As the Father has sent me, so I send you."*  
- John 20:21



**HYMN** *Be Still My Soul*

Be still my soul: the Lord is on thy side.  
Bear patiently the cross of grief or pain.  
Leave to thy God to order and provide;  
in every change he faithful will remain.  
Be still my soul: thy best, thy heavenly friend  
through thorny ways leads to a joyful end.

Be still my soul: thy God doth undertake  
to guide the future as he has the past.  
Your hope, your confidence let nothing shake;  
all now mysterious shall be bright at last.  
Be still, my soul: the waves and wind still know  
his voice who ruled them while he dwelt below.  
Be still my soul: the hour is hastening on  
when we shall be forever with the Lord—  
when disappointment, grief and fear are gone,  
sorrows forgot, love's purest joys restored.  
Be still my soul: when change and tears are past  
all safe and blessed we shall meet at last.

**SCRIPTURE READINGS:** Psalm 55:1-8, 16-17 and  
1 Kings 19:1-15