



**PRELUDE**

**WELCOME**

**CALL TO WORSHIP**

—based on Mark 4:35-41 and Psalms 19 & 46

In the midst of life's storms, God is present.

**What have we to fear?**

In the encroaching darkness, God is our light.

**Of whom shall we be afraid?**

Rise up, people of God, for you are loved and sheltered.

**God is our refuge and strength,  
an ever-present help in times of trouble.  
Thanks be to God!**

**HYMN #275 *A Mighty Fortress Is Our God***

**PRAYER OF PRAISE**

**Mighty God, who speaks a word of peace  
to calm our troubled sea;  
caring God, who nudges us away from fear  
and toward faith;  
ever-present God, who fills us with awe  
but also raises many questions  
without easy answers:  
Open our eyes to see you in our boat today.  
Strengthen our hearts  
for the challenges that lie ahead;  
help us to hear the word you speak to our hearts  
as well as to our minds.  
May our gratitude and praise transform our worries  
into prayers and trust, through Jesus Christ  
our strong and faithful savior. Amen.**

**RESPONSE #184: *Calm to the Waves***  
(sung through twice)

**PRAYER OF CONFESSION & REFLECTION**

—based on Psalm 46 and Mark 4:35-41

**Merciful God, we share the conviction of the Psalmist that you are our stronghold in times of trouble and we rejoice over the evidence and experience of such care for us and for all people. Yet, we confess how easily we identify with the fear of the disciples when they were caught in the storm. Like them, our faith falters and our anxiety levels soar when life becomes turbulent. We fail to remember that Jesus demonstrated that your power, O God, can bring peace even into the stormiest situations. Help us to remember that Jesus is in our midst calming our fears and strengthening us, especially when we feel most vulnerable and afraid. Renew and strengthen our faith in the living Christ so that we can live empowered by his presence.**

(silent prayer and reflection)

**WORDS OF ASSURANCE**

With Christ as our healing presence,  
God's grace washes upon the turbulent shores  
of our lives  
and we are forgiven and renewed to begin again,  
to live in faith and hope,  
at peace with ourselves and others,  
with Christ and creation,  
allowing justice and love to flow freely  
through our lives.

**Thanks be to God!**

**PASSING THE PEACE**

**SONG (insert) *Day by Day  
and with Each Passing Moment***

**SCRIPTURE READINGS** Exodus 14:10-15  
Mark 4:35-41

**MESSAGE** What God Wants to Know:  
Why Are You Afraid?

**HYMN #686 *God of Our Life***

**PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER**

*Our Father in heaven,  
hallowed be your name,  
your kingdom come,  
your will be done  
on earth as it is in heaven.  
Give us this day our daily bread,  
and forgive us our debts,  
as we forgive our debtors.  
And lead us not into temptation,  
but deliver us from evil.  
For yours is the kingdom,  
and the power,  
and the glory  
now and forever. Amen.*

**HYMN #683** *Lord of All Hopefulness*

**BENEDICTION**

**POSTLUDE**

