



GATHER

Seeking Refuge

PRELUDE

CALL TO WORSHIP

(8) Come all you peo - ple\_\_\_\_ Come all you peo - ple\_\_\_\_

(8) Come seek ref - uge in the Lord\_\_\_\_ Come seek ref - uge in the Lord\_\_\_\_

(8) Ho - ly Spir - it breathe in us\_\_\_\_ Ho - ly Spir - it breathe in us\_\_\_\_

(8) Bring us ref - uge in your Word\_\_\_\_ Bring us ref - uge in your Word\_\_\_\_

(8) Scat - tered like seeds\_\_\_\_ through the world as we flee\_\_\_\_ bro - ken

(8) hearts, bro - ken dreams\_\_\_\_ spir - its seek safe - ty\_\_\_\_ : ref - u - gee.

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

INTRODUCTION

ONE: Welcome to worship where we seek refuge in God's love together. We gather in remembering that Mary, Joseph, and their child Jesus were once refugees who sought asylum in a foreign country. In honor of God's commandment to treat the foreigners living among us as ourselves (Lev. 19:34), we ask that God would show us how to carry out this courageous love in thought, word, and action until peace comes to all the earth.

## CONFESSION



C: We con - fess to you O God, we turn a - way from  
car - ing for your sheep near and far a-way For give our sin this day.

ONE: Forgive us, O God, when we see issues instead of people  
Headlines instead of families  
Slogans instead of stories  
Threats instead of neighbors.

**MANY: (*sung, as above*) We confess to you, O God, we turn away...**

ONE: Forgive us, O God, when we measure lives by the documents they carry  
When we let fear outweigh compassion  
When we miss seeing you in our refugee neighbors  
When we forget that each one is perfectly loved.

**MANY: (*sung, as above*) We confess to you, O God, we turn away...**

ONE: Forgive us, O God, when we assign blame instead of taking responsibility  
When the problem seems too big for us  
When we turn away from another's pain  
When we miss the gifts you have to offer us.

**MANY: (*sung, as above*) We confess to you, O God, we turn away...**

## ABSOLUTION

ONE: Brothers and Sisters, in Christ's name and by his authority I declare ✠ your sins are forgiven.  
Be freed from all guilt and shame that weighs you down.

**MANY: Through a repentant life, may we turn from the old ways of sin.**

ONE: Celebrate that in Christ you are indeed a new creation;

**MANY: We are a people called and empowered to be agents of peace in this world. AMEN**

## CANTICLE OF SOLIDARITY

(8) L: Jo - seph wore his spe - cial robe.  
 Mo - ses was saved from the ri - ver Nile; a -  
 Wan - der - ing bar - ren des - ert lands,  
 Ma - ry, Jo - seph, Son of God

(8) In - to sla - ve - ry he was sold.  
 dop - ted by Phar - a - oh's daugh - ter.  
 freed from Phar - a - oh's venge - ful hand.  
 ran from He - rod tra - veled far.

(8) Pil-lars were they in our fa mily tree, ref - u - gees in our an - ces - try

(8) Thrown in pri - son shi - ver - ing; spared for dream in -  
 Floa - ted down ri - ver spare his life; saved by mo - ther  
 Nar - row es - cape from sla - ve - ry in - to Si - nai  
 Fox - es have holes and birds have nests; son of man can't

(8) ter - pre - ting. With vic - tims of hu - man  
 and mid - wives. With un - ac - com - pa - nied  
 they did flee. With mo - dern mi - grant  
 rest his head. With those who can - not

(8) traff - ick - ing, a son of Ja - cob sought ref - uge.  
 mi - nors' strife, this fu - ture lea - der took  
 ref - u - gees, the Is - rael - lites sought  
 find a bed, our Lord and Sa - vior took

## PRAYER OF THE DAY

Psalm 69: 1-8

*The Psalms can be hard to connect with as present day readers, particularly when we do not share the life experience and historical contexts with the Psalmists. One powerful way to connect with these poetic prayers in our own context is to enter into reading with the question of "whose prayer is this today?" We invite you to hear this morning's Psalm as a prayer of one seeking refuge.*

ONE: Let us pray.

Save me, O God, for the waters have come up to my neck.

<sup>2</sup> I sink in deep mire, where there is no foothold; I have come into deep waters, and the flood sweeps over me.

<sup>3</sup> I am weary with my crying; my throat is parched. My eyes grow dim with waiting for my God.

<sup>4</sup> More in number than the hairs of my head are those who hate me without cause; many are those who would destroy me, my enemies who accuse me falsely. What I did not steal must I now restore?

<sup>5</sup> O God, you know my folly; the wrongs I have done are not hidden from you.

<sup>6</sup> Do not let those who hope in you be put to shame because of me, O Lord God of hosts; do not let those who seek you be dishonored because of me, O God of Israel.

**MANY: AMEN**

## WORD

### SCRIPTURE

*Please refer to the insert.*

### SERMON

### MUSIC FOR REFLECTION

### APOSTLES' CREED

ONE: With the whole church, let us confess our faith in God, our refuge.

**MANY: I believe in God, the Father almighty,  
creator of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord,  
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,  
born of the virgin Mary,  
suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
was crucified, died, and was buried;  
he descended to the dead.  
On the third day Christ rose again;  
he ascended into heaven,  
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,  
and will come to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,  
the holy catholic church,  
the communion of saints,  
the forgiveness of sins,  
the resurrection of the body,  
and the life everlasting. AMEN**

### PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE



All: In God's ho-ly house there are ma - ny pla-ces, there's a place for you in our

Last time FINE



prayers.

**L:** 1. We pray for the world and those gov - ern - ing this day, grant com -  
 2. For those flee - ing vio - lence, for home - less ref - u - gees, may they  
 3. For chur - ches to of - fer your sanc - tu - a - ry to bring  
 4. That those wri - ting laws and the peo - ple whom they serve work for  
 5. For young and old who dream a - bout a world where your  
 6. For those feel - ing loss seek - ing spir - it - u - al ground, may your



pass - ion for all in need.  
 find peace and shel - ter soon.  
 safe - ty in times of threat.  
 just - tice and e - quet - y.  
 sheep have the care they need.  
 church be a wel - come place.

ONE: We commend to you, O God of the journey, all for whom we pray,  
 trusting in the abounding mercy and steadfast love of your son Christ Jesus, our Lord. AMEN

+SHARING OF CHRIST'S PEACE

ONE: The peace of Christ be with you always.

**MANY: And also with you.**

ONE: Let us share a sign of God's peace with one another.

OFFERING

MEAL  
*Finding Home*

(8) L: Land un der bar-ren sky      C: Car-ries hope in jour-ney  
Faith of the fo-reign-er      seek-ing a safe har-bor

(8) L: Rest for the wear-y hearts      C: waits for those with faith  
Long roads of trials\_ come,      not sure how much more.

(8) L: Lost in the wil-der-ness.      C: This is where we've stayed.  
Trust-ing a stran-gers hand      show-ing mer-cy's face.

(8) L: God's love is e-ver near.      C: We will find a way  
All peo-ple in\_ God's hands      wel-come, they will find

(8) home.      Must find a\_ home\_.      Must find a\_ space\_

(8) where we be-long\_      .      God      gives us a\_ room\_,

(8) safe pro-mised space\_      all in God's love.

OFFERTORY PRAYER

ONE: We offer the gifts of our privilege, to you O Lord. We approach your altar with humility and hope that we might get caught up in your holy work of healing this broken world. Sustain us by your presence in this feast you give to all who are displaced from our heavenly home.

**MANY: AMEN**

+THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

ONE: The Lord be with you.

**MANY: And also with you.**

ONE: Lift up your hearts.

**MANY: We lift them to the Lord.**

ONE: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**MANY: It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

+WORDS OF INSTITUTION

+PRAYER JESUS TAUGHT US

ONE: Let us pray together the prayer of our Savior:

**MANY: Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name,**

**your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven.**

**Give us today our daily bread.**

**Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us.**

**Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil.**

**For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours,**

**now and forever. AMEN**

WELCOME TO THE TABLE

COMMUNION BLESSING

SEND

SENDING SONG

*God-breathed*

(8) 1. Wan-der-ing home - less ref - u - gee  
2. Ga - ther-ing up a lit - tle child  
3. Let us see grace in - stead of threat

(8) Flee - ing vio - lence seek - ing peace We  
in the dark, in - to the wild.  
Let us share love with - out re - gret.

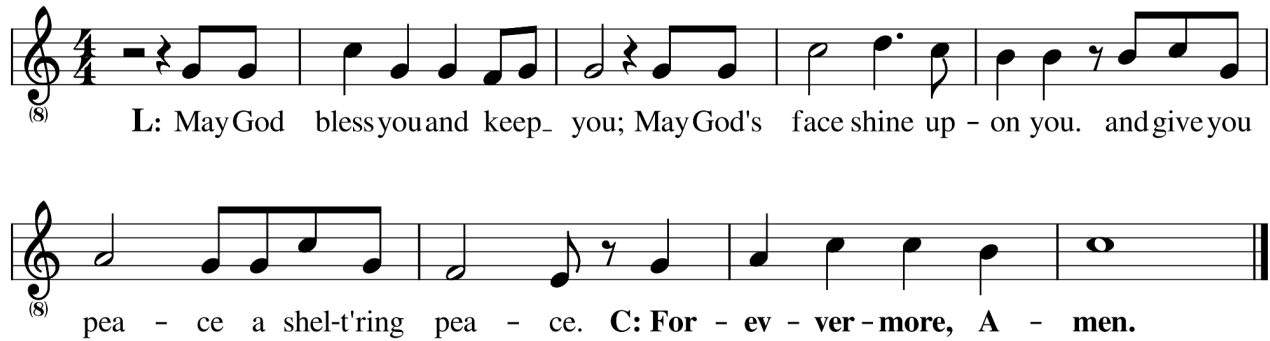
(8) see their fa - ces, hear their cries.  
Roc - ky earth meets blis - tered feet.  
Tem-per us with mer - cy's seat

(8) Lea - ving homes to save their lives. Let our  
on the road to seek re - lief.  
we meet Christ in ref - u - gees.

(8) hearts o-pen wide set our di-fren - ces a - side. Long en - ough

(8) for us to see we are all un-den i - a-bly God - breathed.

## BLESSING SONG



(8) L: May God bless you and keep you; May God's face shine up - on you. and give you  
pea - ce a shel-t'ring pea - ce. C: For - ev - er - more, A - men.

## DISMISSAL

ONE: As we go out into our everyday lives,  
let us remember those fleeing for theirs.  
Show us your way of grace, O Lord,  
that we might embody a community of welcome for all.  
Go in peace, and welcome the scattered,

**MANY: Thanks be to God!**

## POSTLUDE

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