

**Monday, April 24, 2023**

**INVITATION:**

The LORD is good to those whose hope is in him, to the one who seeks him; it is good to wait quietly for the salvation of the LORD. (Lam. 3:25-26)

*Pause and slow your breath before entering into prayer.*

**BIBLE SONG:** Psalm 46:8-11

Come and see what the Lord has done,  
the desolations he has brought on the earth.  
He makes wars cease  
to the ends of the earth.  
He breaks the bow and shatters the spear;  
he burns the shields with fire.  
He says, "Be still, and know that I am God;  
I will be exalted among the nations,  
I will be exalted in the earth."

The Lord Almighty is with us;  
the God of Jacob is our fortress.

**PRAYER:**

Calm me, O Lord, as You stilled the storm.  
Still me, O Lord, keep me from harm.  
Let all the tumult within me cease.  
Enfold me, Lord, in Your peace.

Father, bless the work that is done,  
and the work that is to be.

Father, bless the servant that I am,  
and the servant that I will be.

The peace of God  
be over me to shelter me,  
under me to uphold me,

about me to protect me,  
behind me to direct me,  
ever with me to save me.<sup>3</sup>

*Pause and listen for what God is saying to you.*

**INTERCESSION:**

- \*for those in our congregation struggling with illnesses
- \*for freedom from addictions for the youth who receive help from the Refuge
- \*for relief from the economic crisis in Lebanon

*What else do you want to talk to God about?  
How is God inviting you to respond?*

**BLESSING:**

The love of God be the passion  
in your heart.  
The joy of God your strength  
when times are hard.  
The presence of God a peace  
that overflows.  
The Word of God the seed  
that you might sow. Amen.<sup>5</sup>