

# ENCOUNTER

A MID-WEEK SERVICE OF PRAYER AND PRESENCE

Gathering Music

Welcome

Gathering Music: O God Our Help In Ages Past St. Anne

**O God, our help in ages past, our hope for years to come,  
our shelter from the stormy blast, and our eternal home:**

**Under the shadow of your throne your saints have dwelt secure;  
sufficient is your arm alone, and our defense is sure.**

**Before the hills in order stood, or earth received its frame,  
from everlasting you are God, to endless years the same.**

**A thousand ages in your sight are like an evening gone,  
short as the watch that ends the night, before the rising sun.**

**Time, like an ever-rolling stream, soon bears us all away;  
we fly forgotten, as a dream dies at the op'ning day.**

**O God, our help in ages past, our hope for years to come,  
still be our guard while troubles last, and our eternal home!**

Opening Prayer

One: Holy God, we welcome you to this place.

**All: We remember your faithfulness in all generations.**

One: Holy God, we welcome you into our lives.

**All: May we keep your commandments with joy.**

One: Holy God, we welcome you into our hearts.

**All: May we write your word upon our hearts  
and give thanks for your presence with us. Amen.**

Prayer of Confession

**Holy God, we come before you in humility,  
for we do not live as we ought.**

**We do not love You with our whole heart and soul and might.**

**We do not love our neighbor as ourselves.**

**So we pray, in all humility,  
that you will change our hearts and minds,  
that you will show us again how to love others the way you love us,  
that you will put power and courage in our hearts to do your will.  
This we pray in Jesus' name and for his sake. Amen.**

Silent Confession and Words of Assurance

Scripture: Deuteronomy 6:4-12, 20-25

Encountering the Scripture

Reflection and Response

Prayers of the People

The Lord's Prayer

Song of Sending Forth: In the Lord I'll Be Ever Thankful Jacques Berthier

Voice



In the Lord I'll be ev - er thank - ful, in the Lord I will re - joice! Look to



God, do not be a - fraid. Lift up your voic - es the Lord is near; lift up your voic-es the Lord is near.

Benediction

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