

WORSHIP HANDOUT

Sunday July 5th

Series: The Psalms

OPENING OF WORSHIP

ANNOUNCEMENTS (liturgist)

PRELUDE

*SONG OF WELCOME God Is Here UMH 660

*CALL TO WORSHIP (liturgist only)

The earth shakes, the mountains quake—tempting our hearts to fear.

God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble.

Storms rage, winds swirl—destroying schools, hospitals, homes.

Still, God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble.

Violence comes to light in our communities

and violence continues around the world—

causing us to wonder if our prayers for peace are futile.

Yet God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble.

For those mourning and rebuilding after the storms,

God is their refuge.

For those living in fear of their neighbors,

God is their strength.

For those dreading the hiss of a drone-fired missile,

God is present.

For the distraught and displaced and dismembered in Syria, Palestine,

Iraq, Afghanistan and elsewhere,

God is a very present help in trouble.

Therefore, we will not fear.

Therefore, we will lay down our weapons and worship our God.

~ written by Joanna Harader, and posted on **Spacious Faith**. <http://spaciousfaith.com/2013/05/21/call-to-worship-psalm-46/>

OPENING PRAYER (unison)

In the stillness,
in the silence,
we attend to your presence, our God.

And we feel you filling us from within
illuminating our minds
warming our hearts
stirring our spirits
strengthening our hands outstretched
transforming our lives
energising our lives

Until every fibre of our being
is filled with your presence
and we leap up crying,

Blessed are you, God of all life!
Blessed are you who rejoices in our worship
Blessed are you who attends to the cry of the poor
Blessed are you who offers hope in the hard times

Blessed are you, our God
whose name is love
whose presence is light
whose heart is justice
whose gift is grace
whose life is hope

Let our whole being resonate in praise to you
Let every aspect of our lives show that we live for you.

Praise be to you, our God,
for ever and ever. Amen.

— written by Rob, on the *Rob's Prayers* page of the **Uniting Church SA** website. <http://mrn.sa.uca.org.au/resources/prayers-and-liturgies/373-robs-prayers-.html>

*HYMN America the Beautiful UMH 696

TIME OF PRAYER
SILENT AND PASTORAL PRAYER
LORD'S PRAYER

PRAYER HYMN My Life Flows On TFWS 2212

SONG AS CHILDREN GATHER Tell Me the Stories of Jesus UMH
277 vI

CHILDREN'S MOMENT

LESSON Psalm 46 – UMH 780 response 2

(sung response 2)

“Be still, and know that I am God.”

The Lord of Hosts is with us.

God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble.

**Therefore we will not fear though the earth should change,
though the mountains shake in the heart of the sea;**

Though its waters roar and foam, though the mountains tremble with
its tumult.

**There is a river whose streams make glad the city of God, the
holy habitation of the Most High.**

God is in the midst of the city which shall not be moved; God will help
it at the dawn of the day.

**The nations rage, the kingdoms totter; God's voice resounds,
the earth melts.**

The Lord of hosts is with us;

The God of Jacob is our refuge.

(sung response 2)

Come, behold the works of the Lord, who has wrought desolations in
the earth;

**Who makes wars cease to the end of the earth, breaks the
bow, shatters the spear, and burns the shields with fire!**

“Be still, and know that I am God.

I am exalted among the nations, I am exalted in the earth!”

The Lord of hosts is with us; the God of Jacob is our refuge.

(sung response 2)

This is the Word of God for all people.

Thanks be to God.

MESSAGE God at our Backs

*HYMN A Mighty Fortress Is Our God UMH 110

SACRAMENT OF COMMUNION (Blessing)

OFFERTORY

*DOXOLOGY

UMH 95

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
Praise God, all creatures here below;
Praise God above, ye heavenly host,
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

***UNISON PRAYER**

Almighty God,
giver of every good and perfect gift,
teach us to give to you all that we have and all that we are,
that we may praise you not with our words only,
but with our whole lives. Amen.

RECEIVING COMMUNION

***BENEDICTION**

God Be with You till We Meet Again UMH 672 v I

POSTLUDE