

Peace UCC
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Psalms: Words of the Heart

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Welcome

Opening Words

One: When we or someone we love is in a time of loss or suffering

Many: We pray for God to hear us

One: When it is hard to find hope, in a time we are told to be hopeful

Many: We pray for God to hear us

One: When we are alone, lonely, afraid, or unsure where we should turn

Many: We pray for God to hear us

One: Our memories are of God's faithful help, and it is precisely in times of despair that we have been told God will listen. Now, in this moment, as we think about the injustice of the world, the cries of our hearts, and the unmet needs of those most vulnerable

Many: We pray for God to hear us

Opening Response "Let My Prayer Come Before You God" William Monaghan

Prayer of Invocation

Spirit of life, meet us here. Hold all that is on our hearts. Give us strength, reminding us of your presence in our lives, and even in our deepest distress. It is in you that we cry out, and find our hope. Amen.

The Witness of Music Handchimes
"Song of Triumph" Kevin McChesney
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Reading

Psalm 88

O Lord, God of my salvation,
when, at night, I cry out in your presence,
let my prayer come before you;
incline your ear to my cry.

For my soul is full of troubles,
and my life draws near to Sheol.
I am counted among those who go down to the Pit;
I am like those who have no help,
like those forsaken among the dead,
like the slain that lie in the grave,
like those whom you remember no more,
for they are cut off from your hand.
You have put me in the depths of the Pit,
in the regions dark and deep.
Your wrath lies heavy upon me,
and you overwhelm me with all your waves.

You have caused my companions to shun me;
you have made me a thing of horror to them.
I am shut in so that I cannot escape;
my eye grows dim through sorrow.
Every day I call on you, O Lord;
I spread out my hands to you.
Do you work wonders for the dead?
Do the shades rise up to praise you?
Is your steadfast love declared in the grave,
or your faithfulness in Abaddon?
Are your wonders known in the darkness,
or your saving help in the land of forgetfulness?

But I, O Lord, cry out to you;
in the morning my prayer comes before you.
O Lord, why do you cast me off?
Why do you hide your face from me?
Wretched and close to death from my youth up,
I suffer your terrors; I am desperate.
Your wrath has swept over me;
your dread assaults destroy me.
They surround me like a flood all day long;
from all sides they close in on me.
You have caused friend and neighbor to shun me;
my companions are in darkness.

For the wisdom contained in these holy words we give thanks. Amen.

Sermon Jacob Nault

Hymn "Out of the Depths, O God, We Call"

Joys and Concerns

Prayer

Creator, who art in heaven,
hallowed be your name.
Your kin-dom 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 kin-dom, and the power,
and the glory for ever and ever. Amen.

How Shall We Join God's Work in the World

Gracious God, we give thanks.
We ask your blessings on these gifts of time,
talent, and treasure as we use them to join
Your work in the world. Amen

Closing

Postlude "Laudation" Gilbert Martin
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