MEDITATION PRAYER BEFORE WORSHIP

O God of creation, you rule over land and sea, sunshine and storm. By your strength pilot us, by your power preserve us, by your wisdom instruct us, and by your hand protect us, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

GATHERING MUSIC

PASTORAL WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

TRINITY WELCOME

THOUGHTS FOR THE DAY

Jesus was God spelling God's self out in language humanity could understand.

- S.D. Gordon (evangelical lay minister)

Not only do we not know God except through Jesus Christ; We do not even know ourselves except through Jesus Christ.

- Blaise Pascal (Mathematician and Philosopher)

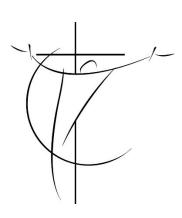
CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: Come into the presence of God with all that you are.

People: We come battered by life and afraid.Leader: God wants to give you peace that is everlasting.

People: We need peace not only today but all of our days. Leader: God comes to us in the midst of the storms of our lives.

People: We will trust in our God, who comes to calm our fears.





THE CONFESSION

Leader: Let us confess to God and before one another our sins, and especially our failure to trust God.

People: We confess to you, O God, and before one another that we have sinned. Like the disciples in the boat during the storm, we are afraid and we suspect that you do not care about us. We even speak of our troubles as being "your will" when you have told us that you love us and desire for us to have wholeness and life. Forgive us our lack of trust in your love and grace. Help us to find peace in the midst of life's troubles by holding you in our hearts. Amen.

Leader: God in love desires our wholeness and blessing. Receive the peace of God which nothing can destroy as we trust in God's love.

CONFESSION RESPONSE "What a Friend We Have in Jesus" vs 1 & 3

What a friend we have in Jesus, all our sins and griefs to bear! What a pri-vi-lege to carry, ev'rything to God in prayer. Oh, what peace we often forfeit; oh, what needless pain we bear-All because we do not carry ev'rything to God in prayer!

Are we weak and heavy-laden, cumbered with a load of care? Precious Savior still our refuge-take it to the Lord in prayer. Do your friends despise, forsake you? Take it to the Lord in prayer. In his arms he'll take and shield you; you will find a solace there.

THE LESSONS Job 38:1-11

Job is an Old Testament book about human suffering and responses. After Job experienced many disasters plus suffering interpretations and possible responses from friends, here is God addressing Job with another perspective.

Then the LORD answered Job out of the whirlwind: 'Who is this that darkens counsel by words without knowledge? Gird up your loins like a man,

I will question you, and you shall declare to me.

'Where were you when I laid the foundation of the earth?
Tell me, if you have understanding.
Who determined its measurements—surely you know!
Or who stretched the line upon it?
On what were its bases sunk,
or who laid its cornerstone
when the morning stars sang together
and all the heavenly beings shouted for joy?

'Or who shut in the sea with doors when it burst out from the womb?— when I made the clouds its garment, and thick darkness its swaddling band, and prescribed bounds for it, and set bars and doors, and said, "Thus far shall you come, and no farther, and here shall your proud waves be stopped"?

Here is an Old Testament Psalm of thanksgiving for deliverance from trouble. It includes a specific event as a reason for words of thanks.

O give thanks to the LORD, for he is good; for his steadfast love endures for ever.

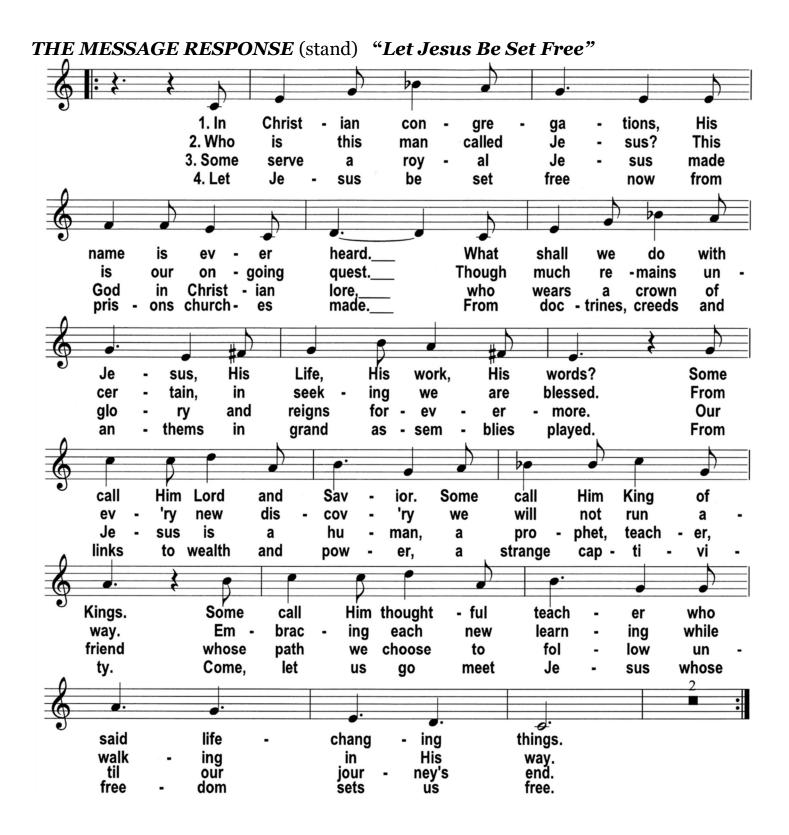
Let the redeemed of the LORD say so, those he redeemed from trouble and gathered in from the lands, from the east and from the west, from the north and from the south.

Some went down to the sea in ships, doing business on the mighty waters; they saw the deeds of the LORD, his wondrous works in the deep. For he commanded and raised the stormy wind, which lifted up the waves of the sea. They mounted up to heaven, they went down to the depths; their courage melted away in their calamity; they reeled and staggered like drunkards. and were at their wits' end. Then they cried to the LORD in their trouble, and he brought them out from their distress; he made the storm be still. and the waves of the sea were hushed. Then they were glad because they had quiet, and he brought them to their desired haven. Let them thank the LORD for his steadfast love, for his wonderful works to humankind. Let them extol him in the congregation of the people, and praise him in the assembly of the elders.

The Gospel Mark 4:35-41

This is another miracle story involving the natural world in Mark's record about the life of Jesus. Because of Jesus, His disciples are left in awe at what they experienced with the sea's rough waters.

On that day, when evening had come, he said to them, 'Let us go across to the other side.' And leaving the crowd behind, they took him with them in the boat, just as he was. Other boats were with him. A great gale arose, and the waves beat into the boat, so that the boat was already being swamped. But he was in the stern, asleep on the cushion; and they woke him up and said to him, 'Teacher, do you not care that we are perishing?' He woke up and rebuked the wind, and said to the sea, 'Peace! Be still!' Then the wind ceased, and there was a dead calm. He said to them, 'Why are you afraid? Have you still no faith?' And they were filled with great awe and said to one another, 'Who then is this, that even the wind and the sea obey him?'



THE PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

THE COMMUNION SENTENCES

Leader: Jesus has prepared this meal for us.

People: So that we might remember his love that is always with us.

Leader: Jesus has prepared this meal.

People: So we might be strengthened to be his presence in the world.

Leader: All are joined together in this meal.

All: Joined together in Jesus' saving love.

Leader: In the night in which He was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took bread and gave

thanks; broke it, and gave it to His disciples, saying: "Take and eat; this is my

body given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

Again, after supper, He took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying: "This cup is the new covenant in my blood, shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of me."

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name. Your kingdom come, Your will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us today our daily bread and 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, and the power, and the glory are Yours now and forever. Amen.

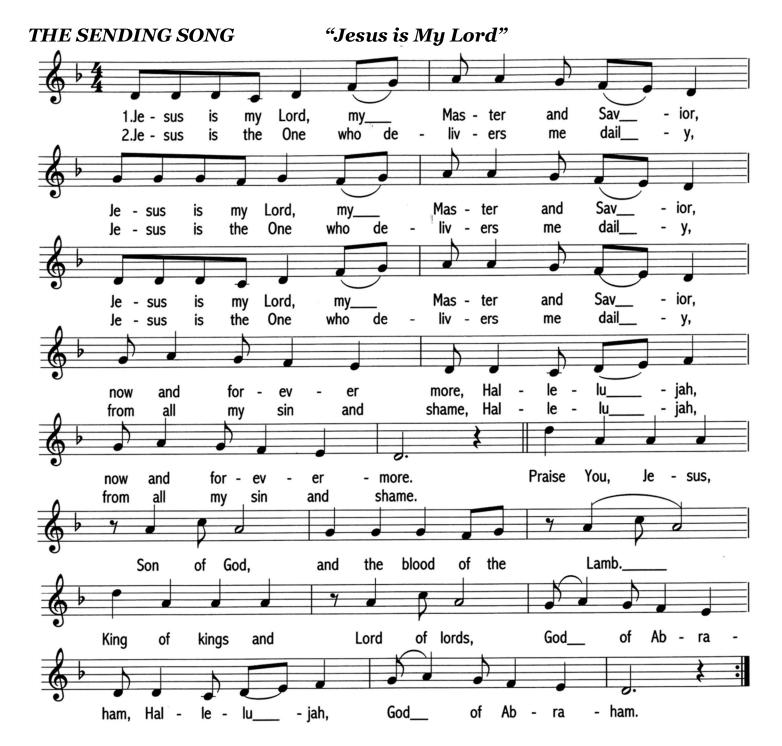
THE BLESSING (stand)

THE SENDING OUT

Leader: In the middle of a great storm Jesus stood in the boat and spoke to the storm, saying, "Be still!" The wind died down and it became completely calm.

Then Jesus said to his disciples, "Why were you so afraid? Do you still have no faith?" Our God calms storms. Let us go forth in faith.

All: Amen



THE DISMISSAL

Leader: Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

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