

Call to Worship

Leader: God has set this day before us,

Congregation: A day set apart, a day of rest and praise.

Leader: God has set our lives before us,

Congregation: A span of years in which we love, and learn, and serve.

Leader: God has set God's seal upon our hearts,

Congregation: So that we might live fully in deep love.

All: Let us worship God.

Scripture Reading

Psalm 42:1-11 NRSV

**1 As a deer longs for flowing streams,
so my soul longs for you, O God.**

**2 My soul thirsts for God,
for the living God.
When shall I come and behold
the face of God?**

**3 My tears have been my food
day and night,
while people say to me continually,
“Where is your God?”**

**4 These things I remember,
as I pour out my soul:
how I went with the throng,^a
and led them in procession to the house of God,
with glad shouts and songs of thanksgiving,
a multitude keeping festival.**

**5 Why are you cast down, O my soul,
and why are you disquieted within me?
Hope in God; for I shall again praise him,
my help 6 and my God.
My soul is cast down within me;
therefore I remember you
from the land of Jordan and of Hermon,
from Mount Mizar.**

**7 Deep calls to deep
at the thunder of your cataracts;
all your waves and your billows
have gone over me.**

**8 By day the Lord commands his steadfast love,
and at night his song is with me,
a prayer to the God of my life.**

**9 I say to God, my rock,
“Why have you forgotten me?
Why must I walk about mournfully
because the enemy oppresses me?”**

**10 As with a deadly wound in my body,
my adversaries taunt me,
while they say to me continually,
“Where is your God?”**

**11 Why are you cast down, O my soul,
and why are you disquieted within me?
Hope in God; for I shall again praise him,
my help and my God.**