

***Call to Worship**

One: Come, and be no longer strangers;

Many: Come, let us end our wanderings.

One: Pilgrims, travel no longer alone,

Many: But let us visit hidden places.

One: Come! No matter where you go, you shall always be at home;

Many: For we are the dwelling place of our God!

One: Through all your days, God's cloud shall lead you;

Many: Through all our nights, God's fire shall burn;

All: Young and old, we shall see and know, and all the people shall praise the God!

UNISON PRAYER OF INVOCATION

O God, we were far from home. We had squandered our inheritance; we had failed you; not worthy to be called your children. But now, O God, we have returned home. Where would we be but in our Father's house? Where would we learn but at our Mother's knee? Let your Spirit dwell within us, so that when you seek us, you shall find us where you would have us be. AMEN

Psalm 86:1-10,16-17(CEB)

Lord, listen closely to me and answer me,
because I am poor and in need.

Guard my life because I am faithful.

Save your servant who trusts in you—you! My God!

Have mercy on me, Lord,
because I cry out to you all day long.

Make your servant's life happy again
because, my Lord, I offer my life to you,
because, my Lord, you are good and forgiving,
full of faithful love for all those who cry out to you.

Listen closely to my prayer, Lord;
pay close attention to the sound of my requests for mercy.
Whenever I am in trouble, I cry out to you,
because you will answer me.

My Lord! There is no one like you among the gods!
There is nothing that can compare to your works!
All the nations that you've made will come
and bow down before you, Lord;
they will glorify your name,
because you are awesome
and a wonder-worker.
You are God. Just you.

Come back to me! Have mercy on me!
Give your servant your strength;
save this child of your servant!
Show me a sign of your goodness
so that those who hate me will see it and be put to shame—
show a sign that you, Lord,
have helped me and comforted me.