

OPENING SCRIPTURE Isaiah 12:2-6 (MSG)

“Yes, indeed—God is my salvation.

I trust, I won’t be afraid.

God—yes God!—is my strength and song,

best of all, my salvation!”

Joyfully you’ll pull up buckets of water

from the wells of salvation.

And as you do it, you’ll say,

“Give thanks to God.

Call out his name.

Ask him anything!

Shout to the nations, tell them what he’s done,

spread the news of his great reputation!

“Sing praise-songs to God. He’s done it all!

Let the whole earth know what he’s done!

Raise the roof! Sing your hearts out, O Zion!

The Greatest lives among you: The Holy of Israel.”

CALL TO WORSHIP

One: In the course of our life journey, we do not only move from place to place.

Many: We also move from thought to thought, from task to task, from feeling to feeling.

One: We move between solitude and relationship, between growth and stagnation, between faithfulness and spiritual carelessness, between belief and doubt.

Many: We are people in motion.

One: We are people of God.

All: In gathering to worship, we give thanks for our freedom to move. We offer praise to the ever-present God, to the living Christ, and to the sustaining Spirit. Wherever we go, we remain in keeping and the company of God. AMEN

UNISON PRAYER OF INVOCATION

O God, we pray that, by your grace, we may develop faith and commitment that is ever-living, that is dynamic! As we honor the One born to be with us, enable us to grow in appreciation of our own humanity, made in your image. You have gifted each of us with wondrous capabilities for generosity and forgiveness, laughter and love. God our Creator, thanks be to you. AMEN.