

Psalm 100:1-5 (NRSV)

Make a joyful noise to the Lord, all the earth.

Worship the Lord with gladness;
come into his presence with singing.

Know that the Lord is God.

It is he that made us, and we are his;
we are his people, and the sheep of his pasture.

Enter his gates with thanksgiving,
and his courts with praise.
Give thanks to him, bless his name.

For the Lord is good;
his steadfast love endures forever,
and his faithfulness to all generations.

CALL TO WORSHIP

One: Create in me a clean heart, O God.

Many: And put a new and right spirit within me.

One: Cast me not away from your presence.

Many: And take not your Holy Spirit from me.

One: Restore to me the joy of your salvation.

Many: And uphold me with a willing spirit.

One: Open my lips, O God.

All: And my mouth shall show forth your praise.

UNISON PRAYER OF INVOCATION

Creator God, we come before you this morning so aware of the changes in our brief lives. The light is changing. The nights are cooler. Our children are growing taller. The ones we love are growing older. Some of the ways we used to do things simply don't work anymore. Forgive our resistance to these changes, for hidden in it is our resistance to you, and to the rhythm of life itself. Grant us your reliable presence in all times and places, that we may live happily, change gracefully, and accept our losses, letting go and surrendering to the way you have set before us. AMEN