

# ENCOUNTER

A MID-WEEK SERVICE OF PRAYER AND PRESENCE

**“Healing” is Our Theme for October 19-November 16**

Gathering Music

Welcome

Gathering Hymn: We Sing of Your Glory

Rio de la Plata

Voice

We sing of your glo - ry, we praise you a - gain, for you are e -  
We sing of your pow - er and ho - nor a - gain, for you are e -  
We sing of sur - ren - der to you, God, a - gain. Your power is e -  
"Glo - ry in the high - est, on earth," sing a - gain. Glo - ry, al - le -  
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Gathering Prayer

One: No one is far from you—O God.

**All: We come together in joy—mindful of the burdens we carry, the hurts and sorrows we have. We come together in gladness—never forgetting God’s love. We come together with praise—for each other and those who are with us on the journey.**

One: No one is far from you—O God.

**All: Tune our hearts so that we may know your love, peace, and healing. Amen.**

Psalm 31 (read responsively)

Scripture: Mark 6:45-56

## Reflection and Response

During our time of Reflection and Response, you are invited to engage in a variety of prayer stations. Each week, you may choose a different option or utilize the same one repeatedly.

Prayers of the People: the leader says, “Lord, in your mercy,” respond, “**hear our prayer.**”

the people of this congregation...  
those who suffer and are in trouble...  
the concerns of this local community...  
the world, its people, and its leaders...  
the church universal –its leaders, its members, and its mission...  
the communion of saints...

## Concluding Prayer and Benediction

Hymn: My Hope is Built

The Solid Rock

**My hope is built on nothing less than Jesus blood and righteousness.  
I dare not trust the sweetest frame, but wholly lean on Jesus’ name.**

**(Refrain)**

**On Christ the solid rock I stand, all other ground is sinking sand;  
all other ground is sinking sand.**

**When darkness veils his lovely face, I rest on his unchanging grace.  
In every high and stormy gale, my anchor holds within in the veil.**

**(Refrain)**

**When he shall come with trumpet sound, O may I then in him be  
found!**

**Dressed in his righteousness alone, faultless to stand before the  
throne!**

**(Refrain)**

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## **Psalm 31 (excerpts)**

One: In you, O LORD, I seek refuge;  
do not let me ever be put to shame;  
in your righteousness deliver me.

**All: Incline your ear to me;  
rescue me speedily.  
Be a rock of refuge for me,  
a strong fortress to save me.**

One: You are indeed my rock and my fortress;  
for your name's sake lead me and guide me;  
take me out of the net that is hidden for me,  
for you are my refuge.

**All: Into your hand I commit my spirit;  
you have redeemed me, O LORD, faithful God.  
I will exult and rejoice in your steadfast love,  
because you have seen my affliction;**

One: Be gracious to me, O LORD, for I am in distress;  
my eye wastes away from grief,  
my soul and body also.

**All: But I trust in you, O LORD;  
I say, "You are my God."  
My times are in your hand;  
deliver me from the hand of my enemies and persecutors.  
Let your face shine upon your servant;  
save me in your steadfast love.**

One: O how abundant is your goodness  
that you have laid up for those who fear you  
and accomplished for those who take refuge in you,  
in the sight of everyone!

**All: In the shelter of your presence you hide them  
from human plots;  
you hold them safe under your shelter  
from contentious tongues.**

One: Blessed be the LORD,  
for he has wondrously shown his steadfast love to me  
when I was beset as a city under siege.  
Love the LORD, all you his saints.  
The LORD preserves the faithful  
but abundantly repays the one who acts haughtily.

**All: Be strong, and let your heart take courage,  
all you who wait for the LORD.**