

Service of Prayer and Remembrance for Victims of the Tornadoes

Call to Worship

Greeting

Leader: The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ be with you!

People: And also with you!

Leader: The Lord, the Spirit, is with us!

People: Thanks be to God!

Hymn "What a Friend We Have in Jesus"

Scripture Lesson: Romans 8:26-27

Likewise the Spirit helps us in our weakness; for we do not know how to pray as we ought, but that very Spirit intercedes with sighs too deep for words. And God, who searches the heart, knows what is the mind of the Spirit, because the Spirit intercedes for the saints according to the will of God.

Psalm 139:1-10

One: O LORD, you have searched me and known me. You know when I sit down and when I rise up; you discern my thoughts from far away.

All: Nothing in all the world can separate us from your love, O God.

One: You search out my path and my lying down, and are acquainted with all my ways. Even before a word is on my tongue, O LORD, you know it completely. You hem me in, behind and before, and lay your hand upon me.

All: Nothing in all the world can separate us from your love, O God.

One: Such knowledge is too wonderful for me; it is so high that I cannot attain it. Where can I go from your spirit? Or where can I flee from your presence?

All: Nothing in all the world can separate us from your love, O God.

One: If I ascend to heaven, you are there; if I make my bed in Sheol, you are there. If I take the wings of the morning and settle at the farthest limits of the sea, Even there your hand shall lead me, and your right hand shall hold me fast.

All: Nothing in all the world can separate us from your love, O God.

Meditation

Prayers of Intercession

Group Prayer

- For victims of the tornadoes
- For those in authority who seek to solve problems and bring order - the President and government leaders, state, county and city workers, police and rescue workers, medical personnel and all who are trying to help
- For those who are vulnerable - the elderly, the sick, the poor and the children
- For those who have lost home, property, and place
- For schools, communities, and institutions disrupted by catastrophe
- For churches affected as they seek to minister in Jesus' name
- For those affected by the economic disruptions of the storm
- For families struggling to cope - for guidance and discernment
- For courage, vision, and hope to rebuild again
- We remember people we personally know who have been affected

The Lord's Prayer

Our Father, which art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name. Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done in earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil, for thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever. Amen.

Hymn "It Is Well With My Soul (vv. 1-2)"

Benediction

You are reconciled with God. Be reconciled with one another. And take the good news of forgiveness and grace to all the world. Go in peace, for God is with you. Amen.