

Call to Worship, Invocation  
Second Sunday

Call to Worship (responsive)

Leader: Brothers and sisters, we are gathered here to proclaim a power beyond ourselves;

**People: God is our refuge and strength, a present help in time of trouble.**

Leader: We know that we do not have the ability to save ourselves;

**People: We surrender our need for power and control, and look toward the mystery and hope that is the kingdom of God.**

Leader: We acknowledge our need for God to work in our lives and transform us,

**People: So that we may receive and share God's love and grace.**

***All: Thanks be to God! Amen.***

Invocation Prayer (in unison)

**Almighty God, we acknowledge our need for you in our lives. May we be open to your activity in this time of worship, in our lives, and in the world. Quiet our busy thoughts and distracted attention so that we can be still and know that you are God. Lead us by your Spirit to be disciples of Jesus, in whose name we pray, Amen.**