



# EVENINGWORSHIP

DECEMBER 30|2018

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**Music for Meditation** | Joanne Van Dyke, pianist

**Responsive Call to Worship** | Psalm 90

A PRAYER OF MOSES, THE MAN OF GOD

**Pastor:** Lord, you have been our dwelling place in all generations. Before the mountains were brought forth, or ever you had formed the earth and the world, from everlasting to everlasting you are God.

**People:** **You return man to dust and say, “Return, O children of man!” For a thousand years in your sight are but as yesterday when it is past, or as a watch in the night.**

**Pastor:** You sweep them away as with a flood; they are like a dream, like grass that is renewed in the morning: in the morning it flourishes and is renewed; in the evening it fades and withers.

**People:** **For we are brought to an end by your anger; by your wrath we are dismayed. You have set our iniquities before you, our secret sins in the light of your presence.**

**Pastor:** For all our days pass away under your wrath; we bring our years to an end like a sigh. The years of our life are seventy, or even by reason of strength eighty; yet their span is but toil and trouble; they are soon gone, and we fly away. Who considers the power of your anger, and your wrath according to the fear of you?

**People:** **So teach us to number our days that we may get a heart of wisdom.**

**Pastor:** Return, O LORD! How long? Have pity on your servants!

**People:** **Satisfy us in the morning with your steadfast love, that we may rejoice and be glad all our days.**

**Pastor:** Make us glad for as many days as you have afflicted us, and for as many years as we have seen evil.

**People:** **Let your work be shown to your servants, and your glorious power to their children.**

**Pastor:** Let the favor of the Lord our God be upon us, and establish the work of our hands upon us; yes, establish the work of our hands!

**Hymn** | O All Ye Peoples, Bless Our God (PH 119)

**Hymn** | To the Hills I Lift Mine Eyes (PH 260)

**Prayer of Adoration**

**Scripture Reading** | Psalm 91:1-2

He who dwells in the shelter of the Most High will abide in the shadow of the Almighty. I will say to the Lord, “My refuge and my fortress, my God, in whom I trust.”

**Trinity Hymnal 402** | Abide with Me

**A Prayer** | “Kept by God” from *The Valley of Vision*

**Song** | I Will Sing of My Redeemer

**Congregational Prayer**

**Tithes and Offerings followed by Prayer of Dedication** | General Fund

**Scripture** | Jude 1-2, 24-25

**Sermon** | “Kept by Jesus” | Pastor Dale Van Dyke

**Song** | He Will Hold Me Fast

**Benediction**

**Song** | Blest Be the Lord

**Silent Prayer** | **Postlude**

# *Kept by God*

(From *The Valley of Vision*)

**JEHOVAH GOD,**

Thou Creator, Upholder, Proprietor of all things,

I cannot escape from thy presence or control,

nor do I desire to do so.

My privilege is to be under the agency of

omnipotence, righteousness, wisdom, patience, mercy, grace.

Thou art love with more than parental affection;

I admire thy heart, adore thy wisdom,

stand in awe of thy power, abase myself before thy purity.

It is the discovery of thy goodness alone that can

banish my fear,

allure me into thy presence,

help me to bewail and confess my sins.

When I review my past guilt and am conscious of my present unworthiness

I tremble to come to thee,

I whose foundation is in the dust,

I who have condemned thy goodness,

defied thy power,

trampled upon thy love,

rendered myself worthy of eternal death.

But my recovery cannot spring from any cause in me,

I can destroy but cannot save myself.

Yet thou hast laid help on One that is mighty,

for there is mercy with thee,

and exceeding riches in thy kindness through Jesus.

May I always feel my need of him.

Let thy restored joy be my strength;

May it keep me from lusting after the world,

bear up heart and mind in loss of comforts,

enliven me in the valley of death,

work in me the image of the heavenly,

and give me to enjoy the first fruits of spirituality,

such as angels and departed saints know.

