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## PSALM 46: A PRAYER FOR TROUBLED TIMES

I'm not sure how much time of the day you dedicate to keeping up with all that's going on around the world—especially here recently with regard to military conflict and war. I will say, if you find yourself getting anxious at the end of each day, maybe cut the time a bit. Because, unfortunately for those of us who follow the Prince of Peace, war in the era leading up to Christ's return is an inevitable reality of our broken world. Nations continue to rise up against nations, innocent men and women inevitably pay the price, and heaven weeps.

I do not intend to comment on strategies or battle plans, or to win you to a particular side. Rather, as Christ followers, I invite you to a centuries-old practice that the helpless have always leaned on: **mourning**. I invite you to mourn the condition of our world, the desire of powers to conquer by their own might, and that anyone would trust in a force other than God our Father for change. Israel often wrote, sang, and remembered the Psalms for this very purpose. So, this Lenten season, I invite you to read the words of Psalm 46 devotionally and daily when the things of this world weigh heavily on your soul:

<sup>1</sup>God is our refuge and strength, an ever-present help in trouble.

<sup>2</sup>Therefore we will not fear, though the earth give way  
and the mountains fall into the heart of the sea,

<sup>3</sup>though its waters roar and foam and the mountains quake with their surging.

<sup>4</sup>There is a river whose streams make glad the city of God, the holy place where the Most High dwells.

<sup>5</sup>God is within her, she will not fall;  
God will help her at break of day.

<sup>6</sup>Nations are in uproar, kingdoms fall; he lifts his voice, the earth melts.

<sup>7</sup>The Lord Almighty is with us;  
the God of Jacob is our fortress.

<sup>8</sup>Come and see what the Lord has done,  
the desolations he has brought on the earth.

<sup>9</sup>He makes wars cease to the ends of the earth.

He breaks the bow and shatters the spear; he burns the shields with fire.

<sup>10</sup>He says, "Be still, and know that I am God;  
I will be exalted among the nations,  
I will be exalted in the earth."

<sup>11</sup>The Lord Almighty is with us; the God of Jacob is our fortress.

### **SUNDAY MORNING**

9:45 AM - SUNDAY SCHOOL

11:00 AM - MORNING WORSHIP

### **SPECIAL ELEMENTS**

Rev. Josh Beeler | "Self" | Psalm 1  
Youth Sunday

Youth Praise | Youth Instrument Ensemble  
Rev. Amy Hall, flute

**DEACONS OF THE WEEK**

Mar. 15 Steve Martin, Donna Massie

**DEACONS SERVING MAR. 15**

Steve Martin Angela Sale  
 Donna Massie Ellen Saunders  
 Billy Williams Cary Murphy

**MARCH 8, 2026 OFFERINGS**

Budget Envelopes.....	\$ 8,681.00
<b>(Weekly Budget Needs \$9,424.06)</b>	
Plate Offering.....	\$ 31.00
Designated Offering.....	\$ 3,615.00
Miscellaneous.....	\$ 0.00
TOTAL DEPOSIT.....	\$ 12,327.00
Find Us Faithful.....	\$ 150.00

\*\*Check your email for your 2025 giving statement.  
 You should also receive a paper copy in the mail.

**IN THE HOSPITAL & REHAB**

Kay Layne - LGH



**SYMPATHY**

We express our love and sympathy to Betty Carwile in the loss of her sister Phyllis Ewers. May God's abiding love be your peace and comfort during this time.

 **FELLOWSHIP**

**GENTLE YOGA**

Thursday, March 26 at 10:00am

**EASTER EGGSTRAVAGANZA**

Saturday, March 28 at 2:00pm  
 at Madison Heights Public Library.  
 Invite your friends to join us!



 **MISSIONS**

**WOMEN ON MISSION**

Collecting candy for Easter Egg Hunt and packing buckets for Valor Farms



**CHRISTMAS CHEER BASKETS**

Collecting Spaghetti and Meat Sauce



 **FELLOWSHIP**

**WEDNESDAY NIGHT MINISTRIES**

Beginning at 6:00pm, this Wednesday, March 11, the sanctuary will be open for Passport to Prayer - a self-guided and individual prayer experience designed by Rev. Amy Hall and focusing on missions and our Global Missions Offering that is being collected during the Month of March.

Our regular ministries will occur at regular times and includes Children's Choirs & Kids in Action, Youth Acteens/Man Up, Music & Instruments, and Adult Prayer & Bible Study.

**KOINONIAS**

Leaving Tuesday, March 17 at 9:45am for Pearls of Life Facility



**UNION LENTEN SERVICES**

Wednesday, March 18 at noon at Randolph Memorial Baptist Church with Rev. Josh Beeler preaching.

**FELLOWSHIP DINNER**

Our next dinner will be Wednesday, March 18 at 6:00pm with country-style steak, mashed potatoes, green beans, and dessert. Chicken nuggets and chips for kids. Dinner followed by regular activities. Attendees MUST sign up by March 15!



**CHILDREN'S CHOIR PRESENTS**

"The Good News: A Kids' Tale" in worship March 22!