Celebrating
Leader: All things work together for good to those who love God, to those who are the called according to God’s purpose (Romans 8:28).

All: The human spirit is the lamp of the Lord, searching every inmost part (Proverbs 20:27).

Leader: The glory of youths is their strength, but the beauty of the aged in their gray hair (Proverbs 20:29).

All: I am sure of this, that he who began a good work in you will bring it to completion at the day of Jesus Christ (Philippians 1:6).

Leader: For I know the plans I have for you, declares the LORD,

All: Plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future (Jeremiah 29:11).

Invocating
All: Holy God, as distant as the farthest star and as close as our next breath, we gather to witness to Your presence in our lives. Hear the confessions of our mouths, the yearnings of our hearts and in the hope in our dreams. May Jesus’ promise, “Where two or three are gathered in my name, there I am in the midst of them,” be fulfilled as we move out into the world. Make us a joyful company of your people so that with the faithful in every time and place we may praise and honor You, O God our Rock and our Redeemer. Amen.

Leader: Reading ~ Psalm 71 (selected verses)
In you, O Lord, I take refuge; let me never be put to shame.
Be to me a rock of refuge, a strong fortress, to save me, for you are my rock and my fortress.
For you, O Lord, are my hope, my trust, O Lord, from my youth.
Upon you I have leaned from my birth; it was you who took me from my mother’s womb.
My praise is continually of you. My mouth is filled with your praise, and with your glory all day long.
Do not cast me off in the time of old age; do not forsake me when my strength is spent.
O God, from my youth you have taught me, and I still proclaim your wondrous deeds.
So even to old age and gray hairs, O God, do not forsake me, until I proclaim your might to all the generations to come. Your power and your righteousness, O God, reach the high heavens.
You who have done great things, O God, who is like you?
You who have made me see many troubles and calamities will revive me again; from the depths of the earth you will bring me up again.
You will increase my honor, and comfort me once again.

Leader: **Prayers of the Day and the Lord’s Prayer**

Leader: **Blessing**
The grace of God, deeper than our imagination; the strength of Christ, stronger than our need; and the communion of the Holy Spirit, richer than our togetherness; guide in sustain us today and in all our tomorrow's. Amen.