



## “A SERVICE OF LISTENING PRAYER”

“Be still and know that I am God.” Psalm 46:10

**OUR SERVICE** of “listening prayer” this evening is patterned after an ancient form of prayer called the Lectio Divina, which means “sacred reading”. Listening prayer enables us to deepen our relationship with God through meditation on His Word. In the silence we let go of ourselves and allow room for God to speak to our lives. Our times of sharing give voice to what we have heard God say to us through His Word. We refrain from commenting on one another’s sharing. Then, after listening to His Word, we offer up our confession, thanksgivings, and petitions. The Lectio adds a fourth reading of the text, which is followed by a time of “rest” and thanks for this time of prayer. This form of prayer may also be used individually.

### PRAISE SONGS

**PRAY TOGETHER:** O blessed Lord, who caused all Holy Scriptures to be written for our learning, grant us so to hear them, read, mark, learn and inwardly digest them, that we may embrace and hold fast the blessed hope of life everlasting, which You have given us in our Savior, Jesus Christ. Amen.

### SCRIPTURE

Focus on a word, phrase, or person that draws your attention. (Time of sharing)

**SCRIPTURE** (The same text is read)

As you continue to focus on that word, phrase or person, are there feelings or memories that come to mind? Continue to ask God to speak to you in His Word. (Time of sharing)

**SCRIPTURE** (The same text is read)

Where does this passage touch your life today? What do you hear God saying to you? What do you believe God wants you to be or do? Is God asking you to change? (Time of sharing)

Having listened to God’s Word, we continue the conversation with God by offering up our personal petitions and thanksgivings.

### PRAISE SONGS

“Mary treasured all these words and pondered them in her heart.” (Luke 2:19)

