

Service of Worship
Presbytery of Southern New England
Saturday, November 4, 2023
@ the First Presbyterian Church of New Haven

Call to Worship

(based on Psalm 46)

One: The earth shakes, the mountains quake—tempting our hearts to fear.

All: God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble.

One: Storms rage, winds swirl—destroying schools, hospitals, homes.

All: Still, God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble.

One: Violence comes to light in our communities
and violence continues around the world—

causing us to wonder if our prayers for peace are futile.

All: Yet God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble.

One: For those mourning and rebuilding after the storms,

All: God is their refuge.

One: For those living in fear of their neighbors,

All: God is their strength.

One: For those dreading the hiss of a drone-fired missile,

All: God is present.

One: For the distraught and displaced and dismembered in Ukraine, Israel, Palestine, and in all places
ravaged by oppression and war,

All: God is a very present help in trouble.

One: Therefore, we will not fear.

All: Therefore, we will lay down our weapons and worship our God.

Hymn 205

Ubi Caritas
(sung 4 times)

Scripture Reading

Psalm 46

Prayer & Candle Lighting

In this time of silence, you are invited into prayer.

Feel free to write or draw your prayers and when moved, light a candle on the communion table.

We will conclude in song together.

Hymn 471

O, Lord Hear My Prayer (vs. 1 only)

Scripture

2 Samuel 9: 1-12

Sermon

Crippled Feet & Dead Dogs

Rev. Dr. Karen Brown

Hymn 300

We Are One in the Spirit

Offering

Prayer of Thanksgiving

Closing Hymn 463

How Firm a Foundation (vs. 1,3,5)

Benediction

Rev. Dr. Karen Brown

Worship Leaders: Rev. Dallas Bradel, Rev. J.C. Cadwallader, Katie Grosh