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## THE UNEMPLOYED PROPHET



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**Responsive Reading** Psalm 50 – a paraphrase by Leslie F. Brandt

**ALL:** God is indeed in our world.  
From dawn to dusk, from twilight hours  
to the first light on eastern horizon,  
God is near us and around us.

**LEADER:** God speaks to our world. God speaks gently in love  
and thunders fiercely in judgement.

**PEOPLE:** God calls to those who are faithful.  
God comforts them and challenges them,  
secures them and sends them forth.

**LEADER:** God is at work in our world. God works in and  
through the lives of earth's children, especially  
those who are loyal and obedient to God's way.

**PEOPLE:** "Don't bring your sacrifices to human-made altars  
or build shrines and erect memorials on my behalf,"  
God would say to us today.

**LEADER:** "I already own the gifts you bring. All these things  
come from my hand. You are to offer them on the  
altar of humanity's need. These are the sacrifices  
that get through to me and are accepted by me."

**PEOPLE:** It is thus that God touches the lives of needy people.  
It is by way of our self-sacrificing love - God's servants.

**ALL:** God is indeed in our world. We serve God  
with worship and living that effectively communicates  
God's love to God's children in need all around us.

**LEADER:** May such worship and life be found in and among us.  
Amen.

**A Gift of Song** "Didn't My Lord Deliver Daniel?" Sharon & Larry Allen  
(African American Spiritual)

**Children's Time** "A Whale of a Tale - Part 4" Elizabeth Rennie

**WE GIVE OURSELVES TO GOD**

**Prayers of the People of God**

**The Offering**                    “Jesus, Wondrous Saviour”                    Gayle Hutt  
(D.A. McGregor – The McMaster Hymn, FRANCONIA)

\* **Offertory Prayer**                    “As Those of Old                    (verse 3)                    712 - GG

*In gratitude and humble trust, we bring our best today,  
to serve your cause and share your love with all along life’s way.  
O God who gave yourself to us in Jesus Christ your Son,  
help us to give ourselves each day until life’s work is done. Amen.*

## GOD SPEAKS TO US

**The Scriptures**                    Dora Lane

Gospel Lesson: Mark 14: 17 - 25

Hebrew Lesson: Jonah 4: 1 - 11

**Sermon:**                    “The Unemployed Prophet”

**A Gift of Song**                    “The Holy City” (F.E. Weatherly/ Stephen Adams)                    Gayle Hutt

**Celebration of the Lord’s Supper**

## GOD SENDS US FORTH

\* **Hymn of Response**                    “Though I May Speak”                    693 - GG

- 1. Though I may speak with bravest fire, and have the gift to all inspire,  
and have not love, my words are vain, as sounding brass,  
and hopeless gain.*
- 2. Though I may give all I possess, and striving so my love profess,  
but not be given by love within, the profit soon turns strangely thin.*
- 3. Come, Spirit, come, our hearts control; our spirits long  
to be made whole.  
Let inward love guide every deed; by this we worship, and are freed.*

\* **Benediction**

**Postlude**                    “Bless This House”                    (Helen Taylor/ May Brahe)                    Gayle Hutt