

A Love Feast for Sheltering in Place

(Before the Love Feast begins participants are invited to prepare ahead of time by having glasses of water or juice and sweet bread to share)

One: We have been asked to shelter in place to keep one another safe.

All: For us this is an act of communal grace.

One: The Lord has not left us, nor forsaken us.

All: In Divine Love we are held securely.

One: We are not alone.

All: We are still together united by our prayers and our witness of hope before the world.

One: You are the one who has loved each of us from before the world began. Even now we are all being held in the security of loving arms. You are attentive to our every prayer and through these prayers you have knitted us together. You are aware of our needs before they revealed at our horizon and have begun to act before we know to cry out. Keep us attentive to the needs around us, so you might illuminate your gracious presence through our acts of kindness. Amen.

Hymn: "And Are We Yet Alive" UMH 553 vs.1&2

**And are we yet alive,
to wish each other grace?
Glory and thanks to Jesus give
for his Almighty grace!**

**Preserved by power divine
to full salvation here,
again in Jesus' praise we join,
and in his sight appear.**

Scripture: Psalm 46 (in Haiku)

God is our refuge;
Our help in time of trouble.
So we shall not fear.

Not when our world shakes,
Nor when the mountains tumble
Down into the sea,

Waves crash and they foam,
The surging sea continue
To shake the mountains.

The river's channels
will bring joy to God's city,
A holy dwelling.

Our God lives in it,
A city that can't be moved
God has rescued it.

Our nations still roar,
As they seem to come and go.
When God gives a shout,

The earth is dissolved.
Know the Lord is on our side.
God is our stronghold.

So come bear witness
Our God devastates the earth.
Brings end to our wars.

Shattering the bow
And breaking all of our spears;
Our shields in ashes.

“Stop all your striving,
Recognize that I am God.”
God commands us all.

“I will be placed first.
I am to be exalted,
over everything!”

The Lord's on our side.
God is our only stronghold,
The God of Jacob.

Hymn: “And Are We Yet Alive” vs. 3&4

**What troubles have we seen,
what mighty conflicts past,
fightings without and fears within,
Since we assembled last!**

**Yet out of all the Lord
Hath brought us by his love;
and still he doth his help afford,
and hides our life above.**

The passing of the Bread:

One: The Lord be with you.

All: **And also with you.**

Sing or say grace: (tune: Old One Hundred)

**Be present at our table Lord. Be here and everywhere adored;
thy creatures bless and grant that we may feast in paradise with Thee. Amen.**

Sharing the cups of water/juice

Hymn: “And Are We yet Alive” vs. 5&6

**Then let us make our boast
of his redeeming power,
which saves us to the utter most,
till we can sin no more.**

**Let us take up the cross
till we the crown obtain,
and gladly reckon all things loss
so we may Jesus gain.**

Blessing:

May the Lord bless you wherever you are.

May you find comfort in the eternal love of God
who was and is and is to come.

May the hope you embrace be the hope you share,
until we see each other’s face.

Amen.