

Emmanuel Community Prayer – March 15, 2020

(composed for our congregation by the Rev Matt Randles)

*God is our refuge and strength,
an ever-present help in trouble.
Therefore we will not fear, though the earth give way
and the mountains fall into the heart of the sea,
though its waters roar and foam
and the mountains quake with their surging.*

—Psalm 46:1-3

Sovereign God,
Our world is in trouble,
Fear and anxiety abound,
And truly, we don't know what tomorrow will bring—
So we put our trust in you.

The news is full of uncertainty,
Rumor and speculation run rampant,
And situations change by the day and by the hour—
So we put our trust in you.

Faithful God,
May we know your peace
And be people of peace,
Encouraging the fearful and comforting the anxious.

May our words, our decisions, and our actions
Be marked by charity and grace,
Rooted in wisdom,
And grounded in humility.

Our hope is unchanged,
Our faith unwavering,
For we know that you are the same,
Yesterday, today, and forever.

In the name of Jesus we pray,
Amen.

*“Be still, and know that I am God;
I will be exalted among the nations,
I will be exalted in the earth.”
The Lord Almighty is with us;
the God of Jacob is our fortress.*

—Psalm 46:10-11