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For God so loved...

"...With age-old love I have loved you; ..." Jer 31:3

- Leader:** We praise You this day, we unite ourselves with our brothers and sisters throughout the world:
- All:** with families
with the poor and the homeless
with the vulnerable and the forsaken
with the visionaries, the prophets, and the leaders
with the martyrs. Amen.
- Reading 1:** The ancient psalmist plucked his strings and sang a sentence sprung from You: "Be still and know that I am God." Be still, my soul.
- Reading 2:** Be still, my being, so that, like Lewis Carroll's Alice, you may, with grace, find the tiny, hidden doorway that leads to Wonderland.
- Reading 3:** Be still, so that you can discover slowly, day by day, that God and you are one, to know who you really are.
- (Pause)**
- Left:** My spirit hungers for your love, O Divine Maker of hearts, for the taste of your joy and the aroma of your peace.
- Right:** May this time of prayer fill me with the whisper of your presence and let me feel the touch of your hand upon my heart.
- All:** Oh, how our soul longs for you. You elude all names we give You and dwell beyond the grasp of brilliant minds. Awaken us to your presence, now, this moment, in our heart. Amen.