

Worship Participants

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Hymnal codes: Hymnal A Worship Book (HWB); Sing the Journey (STJ); Sing the Story (STS); Voices Together (VT)

* *Will the children?*, written by Greg Smucker, recorded by Angela & Nate Shenk



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The Measure of Our Days

Due to the COVID-19 Pandemic, worship was held outdoors and also livestreamed through Zoom, an online communication service.

Call to Worship

Songs: *In the Morning When I Rise*

VT 499

Over My Head

VT 594

Song of the Month: *Waterfall*

VT 763

Greeting and Prayer

Sherm Kauffman

Hearing God's Word

Song: *Will the children?**

Children's Time

Richard Kauffman

Offering Prayer

Sherm Kauffman

Scripture and Sermon

Richard Kauffman

Scripture: Psalm 39

Sermon: "Lamenting the Loss of Laments"

Responding

Song: *O Lord, Hear My Prayer*

VT 685

Congregational Prayer

Joanne Gallardo

Sending

Announcements & Benediction

Sherm Kauffman

Song: *Soon and Very Soon*

VT 669

Psalm 39

TO THE LEADER: TO JEDUTHUN. A PSALM OF DAVID.

1 I said, "I will guard my ways
that I may not sin with my tongue;
I will keep a muzzle on my mouth
as long as the wicked are in my presence."

2 I was silent and still;
I held my peace to no avail;
my distress grew worse,

3 my heart became hot within me.
While I mused, the fire burned;
then I spoke with my tongue:

4 "LORD, let me know my end,
and what is the measure of my days;
let me know how fleeting my life is.

5 You have made my days a few handbreadths,
and my lifetime is as nothing in your sight.
Surely everyone stands as a mere breath.^{*}
Selah

6 Surely everyone goes about like a shadow.
Surely for nothing they are in turmoil;
they heap up, and do not know who will gather.

7 "And now, O Lord, what do I wait for?
My hope is in you.

8 Deliver me from all my transgressions.
Do not make me the scorn of the fool.

9 I am silent; I do not open my mouth,
for it is you who have done it.

10 Remove your stroke from me;
I am worn down by the blows of your hand.

11 "You chastise mortals
in punishment for sin,
consuming like a moth what is dear to them;
surely everyone is a mere breath.^{*}
Selah

12 "Hear my prayer, O LORD,
and give ear to my cry;
do not hold your peace at my tears.
For I am your passing guest,
an alien, like all my forebears.

13 Turn your gaze away from me, that I may smile again,
before I depart and am no more."

--NRSV

**Key word in Hebrew appears twice in this Psalm: Hebel/hevel, means vapor, mist, or breath; in some contexts, can mean futility. This word appears 38 times in Ecclesiastes that in some translations uses the misleading word vanity.*