

# 2012 Worship Resources ❖ from Bethany Seminary

## **Call to Worship:**

L: We have been given the tongues of teachers.

**P: We will teach God's Shalom and Christ's Peace.**

L: Our ears have been opened. Morning by morning we are awakened,

**P: We awaken and hear the things that bring God's Shalom and Christ's Peace.**

L: With God's help,

**ALL: We will listen and share the gift of God's Shalom and Christ's Peace with our Blessed and Broken World.**

## **Invocation Prayer:**

We listen for you, Lord, to reveal to us your ways of peace. Morning by morning, moment by moment, give your spirit, so that we may sustain the weary and share your shalom with one another. Remind us of Christ's example, the one who did not turn backward, who endured insult and disgrace, and embodied your love, so that we may hope for wholeness in your beloved world.

## **Invitation to Give:**

We are called by God through the prophet Isaiah to "sustain the weary." The gifts and resources of this congregation sustain multiple ministries to continue to bring about God's shalom and Christ's peace in our world. From our local congregational ministries to district programs and camps to national agencies, let our ears and hearts be opened to share generously and continue to sustain the weary and share Christ's love in our world.

## **Scripture: Isaiah 50:4-9a (NRSV)**

The Lord God has given me the tongue of a teacher, that I may know how to sustain the weary with a word. Morning by morning he awakens – wakens my ear to listen as those who are taught. The Lord God has opened my ear, and I was not rebellious, I did not turn backward. I gave my back to those who struck me, and my cheeks to those who pulled out the beard; I did not hide my face from insult and spitting. The Lord God helps me; therefore I have not been disgraced; therefore I have set my face like flint, and I know that I shall not be put to shame; he who vindicates me is near.