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## **PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

Lord, these gifts are not payment for services rendered. These aren't our dues necessary for us to belong to this church. We know you made us with a purpose, and so now we give ... on purpose, freely offering to you the best of who we are. Continue to work out your purpose in us. Make us your hands, outstretched, on purpose. Amen.

**PRAYER RESPONSE** "God is Holding Your Life"

**SCRIPTURE READING:** Liturgist

Psalm 62: 5-12

God, the one and only—I'll wait as long as he says. Everything I hope for comes from him, so why not? He's solid rock under my feet, breathing room for my soul, An impregnable castle: I'm set for life. My help and glory are in God—granite-strength and safe-harbor-God—So trust him absolutely, people; lay your lives on the line for him. God is a safe place to be. Man as such is smoke, woman as such, a mirage. Put them together, they're nothing; two times nothing is nothing. And a windfall, if it comes—don't make too much of it. God said this once and for all; how many times Have I heard it repeated? "Strength comes Straight from God." Love to you, Lord God! You pay a fair wage for a good day's work!

**THE WORD OF GOD FOR THE PEOPLE OF GOD**

**THANKS BE TO GOD**

**SERMON**

"Breathing Room"  
Rev. Effie McAvoy

**CLOSING HYMN**

Rock of Ages, Cleft for Me  
(choir)

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**BENEDICTION**