## Call to Worship – Prepare Us for Worship

- Leader: We gather from many places to worship.
  All: But we are not ready,
  Reader 1: We are distracted and restless,
  Reader 2: We are preoccupied and tired,
  Reader 1: There are words of insult ringing in our ears.
  Reader 2: The gossip that follows us breaks our hearts.
  All: Our prayer is to you, O God.
  Reader 1: Open our minds and hearts to hear your word today
  Reader 2: So we may turn, join with the congregation, and worship you,
  - All: Remembering your steadfast love, and Confident of Your abundant mercy and promise to be near.
  - Leader: Let us set aside our burdens and prepare to worship.
    - All: Amen.

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