## Psalm 46 Poem by Lenox Cedeno, Adult Discipleship Resident

God is our refuge and strength, an ever-present help in trouble. Therefore we will not fear, though the earth give way and the mountains fall into the heart of the sea, though its waters roar and foam and the mountains quake with their surging Oh how you see and hear me Papa You have a plan A, B, and C it doesn't matter you got me Like Jeremiah I find myself In this cistern and you are my only relief Half of me is exhausted while the other can't wait to be free Sheesh I sink a little more into the mud I go Honestly not knowing the outcome of this But this I know That next to you is the only place I want to be I believe you don't abandon or leave Those you call your own

So i'll wait

Like Jonah in the watery chamber

Of that animals belly

With no choice but to

stay put

As I deal with my shame

To reflect on how long

Your mercy remains

And it remains evident

that you stay the same

And though I wanted to be dead

It pleases you help me find my way again

Doesn't it?

So i'll wait

for now your words will be my home

Refuge , strength , and lighthouse

I'll wait till they seep in my bones

And when i'm on the other side

Or on the shore

Teach me

teach me to use my rope

To help my neighbor

Because he may feeling like he's sinking alone

Or she might need hand as she picks a bone with you Thank you for reaching out again and again Just like these old prophets Help this young boy to stand But for now i'll wait