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## **Gathering Song**

### **Call to Worship**

Holy God, Creator of Life,  
you call us out of our dark places,  
offering us the grace of new life.  
When we see nothing but hopelessness,  
you surprise us with the breath of your spirit.  
Call us out of our complacency and routines,  
set us free from our self-imposed bonds,  
and fill us with your spirit of life, compassion, and peace,  
In the name of Jesus, your anointed one, we pray. **Amen.**

## **Hymn**

### ***Amazing Grace***

## **Call to Confession**

### **Unison Confession** (by Moira Laidlaw)

Lord Jesus Christ,  
we remember with gratitude those people  
who generously sowed the seeds of faith in our lives.

*Pause for a time of reflection*

Above all, we recognize how you have blessed our lives  
with the gift of the Holy Spirit  
so that our faith has miraculously and mysteriously grown.

We confess the times we fail to involve ourselves  
in planting any seeds of faith in the lives of others;

the times when our personal agendas become more important than yours;  
the times when we have denied others the opportunity to expand their faith  
through our lack of interest or involvement;  
the times when our lives become so entangled with the values of the world  
that we forget what you have said and done and promised.

Lord Jesus Christ, we know that when we become disconnected from you,  
our lives become parched and unfruitful and our faith becomes stunted and dry.

Bless and renew our lives, we pray,  
so that we remain connected to you at all times and in all places,  
strengthening our faith to expand and, growing strongly and vigorously,  
to bear the fruit of your mercy, your love, your undying life. **Amen.**

### **Assurance of Pardon**

**All: Praise God that our sins are forgiven. Hope is alive in and through the power of the Holy Spirit,  
Amen.**

### **Pastoral Prayer / Lord's Prayer**

**All: Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name, Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done on  
earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our debts, as we forgive  
our debtors; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil, for Thine is the kingdom  
and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.**

### **Passing of the Peace**

*If you are worshipping with us online, we invite you to greet one another and offer a word of peace, too.*

Leader: The Peace of Christ be with you.

**People: And also with you!**

### **Hymn**

*What a Friend We Have in Jesus*

### **Scripture**

Matthew 13:31-32

### **Sermon**

Pastor Erin

### **Blessing**