

To Risk the Journey Lighting the Way

Opening Song: *Peace Prayer*

Prayer: Mother and Father of Light, unchanging and ever creating God,
 in every time you reveal to people of faith
 the resplendent Word made human among us.

All: *Star light, God of hope
 Your Light is strong.
 Your Love is near.*

Draw us beyond the limits of our lives
to live life where your Spirit makes all life gift.
Make of us, born of stardust, people of light,
creators of hope, Gospel people risking the journey.

All: *Star light, God of hope
 Your Light is strong.
 Your Love is near.*

May we always strive to bring the healing
spirit of God into our world. May we always
commit ourselves to improving
the conditions of those who suffer from injustice,
oppression, and deprivation of dignity
and to learning from those whose lives we touch.

All: *We ask this through Jesus, your Christ,
 birthed and living among us—Light and Way.*

Reading: In the richness of our Christian tradition, we celebrate today the call of
Christian discipleship—the risk filled journey in the wake of the One who is the
Way—the human journey towards God—the journey inward where each of our hearts
dreams and longs and hopes.

Today we end these days of being together to listen to the wonderings, dreams, hopes and
reflections that fill each of our life journeys.

We hear in our hearts the quiet and insistent words of Jesus:

Seek and you will find.

Knock and it shall be opened

Running over...fullness...life poured out for life.

Sharing:



Prayer of Blessing (as wax crystals are poured out in small heaps around a candle)

BLUE Deep peace of the running wave to you,
of water flowing, rising and falling,
sometimes advancing, sometimes receding...
May the stream of your life flow unimpeded!
Deep peace of the running wave to you.

WHITE Deep peace of the flowing air to you,
which fans your face on a sultry day,
the air which you breathe deeply, rhythmically,
which imparts to you energy, consciousness, life.
Deep peace of the flowing air to you.

GREEN Deep peace of the shining stars to you,
Which stay invisible until darkness falls
and discloses their pure and shining presence
beaming down in compassion on our turning world
Deep peace of the shining stars to you.

VIOLET Deep peace of the watching shepherds to you,
of unpretentious folk who, watching and waiting,
spend long hours out on the hillside,
expecting in simplicity some Coming of the Lord.
Deep peace of the watching shepherds to you.

RED Deep peace of the Child of Peace to you,
who, swift as the wave and pervasive as the air,
quiet as the earth and shining like a star,
breathes into us God's Peace and God's Spirit.
Deep peace of the Child of Peace to you.



Before you go from this place made holy by the Christ present in our gathering, we invite you to take one of the glass vases, and take up in your hands, those gifts represented in the wax crystals that you need as you continue your own journey, your own call to the service of the Gospel. Take alert watching and patient waiting, energy, compassion, consciousness of life, peace. Layer your gifts gently in the glass, insert a wick, and light this candle in the coming weeks in prayer as you continue to reflect on the gifts you have taken.

Blessing: Each person uses a phrase from above to bless a person in the group and light her candle.

All: We praise and thank you, God of our Journey. We entrust one another into your loving care, knowing you are always the Faithful Traveler and Companion on our way. Shelter and protect us from harm and useless anxiety. Make us bold in witness to the Gospel. Form us in discipleship—attentive to the deep longings of our own hearts and the needs of the times in which we live.

Amen