

LEADER: Our lives are so small, O Lord,

PEOPLE: Our vision so limited,

Our courage so frail,

Our hours so fleeting.

Therefore give us grace and guidance
for the journey ahead.

We are gathered here because we believe
that we are called together into a work
we cannot yet know the fullness of.

**Still, we trust the voice of
the One who has called us.**

And so we offer to you, O God, these things:

Our dreams, our plans, our vision.

Shape them as You will.

Our moments and our gifts.

May they be invested toward
bright, eternal ends.

Richly bless the work before us, Father.

Shepherd us well lest we grow enamored
of our own accomplishment
or entrenched in old habit.

Instead let us listen for Your voice,
our hearts ever open to the quiet beckonings
of Your Spirit in this endeavor.

**Let us in true humility and poverty of
spirit remain ever ready to move at the
impulse of your love in paths of your design.**

You alone, O God,
by your gracious and life-giving Spirit
have power to knit our imperfect hearts,
our weaknesses, our strengths,
our stories, and our gifts, one to another.

**Unite Your people and multiply
our meager offerings, O Lord,
that all might resound to Your glory.**

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LET US HOLD FAST
THE CONFESSION OF
OUR HOPE WITHOUT
WAVERING, FOR HE WHO
PROMISED IS FAITHFUL.
AND LET US CONSIDER
HOW TO STIR UP ONE
ANOTHER TO LOVE AND
GOOD WORKS, NOT
NEGLECTING TO MEET
TOGETHER, AS IS THE
HABIT OF SOME, BUT
ENCOURAGING ONE
ANOTHER, AND ALL THE
MORE AS YOU SEE THE
DAY DRAWING NEAR.
HEBREWS 10:23-25

May our acts of service and creation,
frail and wanting as they are,
be met and multiplied by the mysterious
workings of Your Spirit
who weaves all things together
toward a redemption more good and glorious
than we yet have eyes to see,
or courage to hope for.

**May our love and our labors
now echo your love and
your labors, O Lord.**

Let all that we do here,
in these our brief lives,
in this our brief moment to love,
in this the work you have ordained
for this community,
flower in winsome
and beautiful foretaste
of greater glories yet to come.

**O Spirit of God,
now shape our hearts.
O Spirit of God,
now guide our hands.
O Spirit of God,
now build Your kingdom among us.**

Amen.

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