



Feeding Sunday

**FIRST CHURCH
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FIRST CHURCH IN CAMBRIDGE, CONGREGATIONAL, UCC
May 5 2013
FEEDING SUNDAY

VOLUNTARY *Cantabile* Cesar Franck

*HYMN 313 *I Come with Joy*

*GREETING Christine Reynolds

L: Sisters and brothers, God's joy be yours!
C: Delight in bread and wine!
L: God feeds our hungry hearts!
C: A feast from God's good hands!
L: Come, taste how good God is!
C: Mercy on our table!
L: Lift up your hearts! Praise God!

WORDS OF WELCOME Sarah Higginbotham

MOMENT OF CONCERN

ANTHEM *Alleluia* Henry Purcell

INVITATION TO CONFESSION

SILENCE

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

L: Let us pray for healing, pardon, and peace.
**All: On sloping ground, O Living Christ, you fed a multitude
with five small loaves and two dried fish.
Satisfy us also with pardon and good hope,
then send us to our neighbor's side
to feed and to be fed by your sweet grace.
In your dear name we pray. Amen.**

DECLARATION OF GOD'S FORGIVENESS

*GREETING OF PEACE

**You are invited to stand. Hymns preceded by a "C" may be found in the beginning section of the hymnal. The C (Cambridge) - section contains hymns written and composed by current and past members of First Church.*

*HYMN 316

Let Us Talents and Tongues Employ

RESPONSIVE PSALM 107:1-9

L: O give thanks to the Lord, for God is good;
for God's steadfast love endures forever.

**C: Let the redeemed of the Lord say so,
those redeemed from trouble
and gathered in from the lands,**

L: from the east and from the west,
from the north and from the south.

**C: Some wandered in desert wastes,
finding no way to an inhabited town;
hungry and thirsty,
their soul fainted within them.**

L: Then they cried to the Lord in their trouble,
and God delivered them from their distress;

**C: the Holy One led them by a straight way,
until they reached an inhabited town.**

L: Let them thank God for steadfast love,
for wonderful works to humankind.

**C: For the Lord satisfies the thirsty,
and the hungry God fills with good things.**

READING

Matthew 5:1-12

SERMON

Dan Smith

RESPONSE OF FAITH

All are invited to come forward make sandwiches in the chancel area.

HYMN 311 *Let Us Break Bread Together*

HYMN 294 *Break Thou the Bread of Life*

HYMN (insert) *When We Gather In Your Name, Lord*

HYMN (insert) *Jesus Says, "Come!"*

INVITATION TO OFFERING

OFFERTORY

Panis Angelicus

Camille Saint-Saens

*Bread of Angels,
made the bread of humanity;
The Bread of heaven
puts an end to all symbols:
What a wonderful! thing!
The Lord becomes our food:
poor, a servant, and humble.
We beseech Thee,
Godhead One in Three
That Thou wilt visit us,
as we worship Thee,
lead us through Thy ways,
We who wish to reach the light
in which Thou dwellest.
Amen.*

*EASTER DOXOLOGY AND PRAYER OF DEDICATION

**O Jesus, risen now to bless,
Do thou thyself our hearts possess;
that we may give thee all our days
the willing tribute of our praise! Amen.**

HOLY COMMUNION

*INVITATION

Reebee Girash

L: Dear friends, come now to this joyful feast!
C: Come from the east and the west,
L: come from the north and south!
C: And let the children come too.
L: Eat together the Bread of Life!
C: And taste and see that God is good!
L: Drink together the Cup of Joy!
C: Filled to the brim with hope!

*PREFACE

REMEMBERING JESUS

- L: Friends, now we remember Jesus and his generosity to us.
Silence
- L: We remember how he fed the five thousand people with only a loaf of bread and a few fish.
- C: We remember how he never left anyone hungry.**
- L: We remember how Jesus welcomed the children.
- C: We remember how he didn't turn them or anyone away.**
- L: We remember that the women came, early in the morning, on the third day.
- C: They did not find him among the dead.**
- L: We remember that disciples met him on the road.
- C: They knew him when he broke the bread.**

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

- L: He gave thanks, and shared it with them - his body, surrendered for all.
- C: He gave thanks, and passed a cup to them - his life blood poured out for all.
Do this, he said, and remember me.**

PRAYER TO THE HOLY SPIRIT AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

(Please pray this prayer and address God in words most meaningful to your heart.)

- 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 trespasses
as we forgive those who trespass against us.
And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory forever. Amen.**

SHARING BREAD AND CUP

All who seek to follow Jesus' way of compassion, justice and peace are welcome at this table. Today, we will serve communion by intinction, which means that the community will be invited to come to the servers at one of several stations at the front of the sanctuary to receive the bread and dip it into the cup. Red wine will be offered in a clear glass. White grape juice will be served in a ceramic chalice. Please approach the communion stations from the center aisles, and return to your pews via the side aisles. In the North Transept (opposite the choir), please approach via the aisle closest to the door and return via the other aisle. Persons who for any reason are not able to come forward will be served in the pews. Young and old alike are welcome to share in the gift of holy communion!

*THANKSGIVING

L: Let us give thanks!

**C: Thank you, God, for life in the Spirit of Jesus –
for gladness in this bread and cup,
for love that cannot die,
for peace the world cannot give,
for joy in the company of friends,
for the splendors of creation,
and for the mission of justice you have made our own.
Give us the gifts of this holy communion –
oneness of heart, love for neighbors,
forgiveness of enemies,
the will to serve you every day,
and risen life that never ends.
In Christ's name we pray. Amen.**

*HYMN 88

My Shepherd, You Supply My Need

*BENEDICTION

*CHORAL RESPONSE

Sending Forth

Paul Sawyer

*We have been gathered from the world to be judged and received.
Now we are sent forth into that world,
to be the scattered church of Jesus Christ,
declaring through our word and deed,
"The Lord is risen! The Lord is risen indeed! Alleluia!"*

The bulletin cover is an image of a ceramic mosaic created by the children of the church and designed by Perry Neubauer. The sunrise depicted recalls the morning of Jesus' resurrection when the women disciples visited the empty tomb at dawn. The sunrise theme also symbolizes Jesus' life and ministry as the Light of the World.

When we gather in your name, Lord

Caleb Williams and Kezia Shirkey

Peter Sykes

When we gath - er in your name, Lord, You are pre - sent in this
You are here in neigh - bor's fac - es, in warm hand and gen - tle
When we trem - ble in the shad - ows, Fear - ful of the lone - ly
Un - der lock and key we're hid - den, 'til your voice says "Peace to
Join - ing in the work of jus - tice, Shar - ing bread with those in

place, You trans - form our emp - ty ves - sels
word, May we share the bread You give us,
night, Help us feel Your cons - tant pres - ence,
you" O - pen wide the doors that we may
need, In com - mun - i - ty made ho - ly;

1,2,3,4 5
Pour - ing forth Your end - less grace.
Feed - ing those who ha - ven't heard.
That we may re - flect Your light.
Face the world with hearts re - newed.
By the re - sur - rection, freed.

Jesus says, "Come!"

Set a big ta - ble with your gifts and mine! Now throw the door o - pen, now
 Set a big ta - ble and draw up a chair! Tell stor - ies of Je - sus who
 Set a big ta - ble where all can be fed! Re - mem - ber, re - mem - ber the
 Set a big ta - ble, turn no one a - way! Who - ev - er is hun - gry is

put up a sign: Say, "God is here wai - ting with bread and with wine!"
 taught us to share our faith and our friend - ship, our joy and our care,
 night Je - sus said, "Friends, I am your life and your cup and your bread!"
 wel - come to stay! For this is God's ta - ble, and this is God's day!

Je - sus says, "Come!"
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*For the dedication of the Communion Quilt
 made by the Children's Worship and Arts
 program at First Church in Cambridge*

Easter Sunday 2005

For Sarah Higginbotham

Words: Mary Luti
 Music: Peter Sykes

WELCOME TO FIRST CHURCH IN CAMBRIDGE...

Whoever you are, wherever you are on life's journey, we are thankful that you are with us today, and we hope that you will stay for a bit after worship for refreshments and conversation. First Church is an open and affirming, just peace congregation of the United Church of Christ. If you'd like to know more about us, please introduce yourself to one of the ministers after church and explore our website at **www.firstchurchcambridge.org**.

Large print bulletins and assistive listening devices are available.

Please ask a greeter for assistance.

Children of all ages are welcome in our worship. Picture books, children's Bibles and activity packets can be found in the Children's Book Corner located by the door to the parish building (to the right of the chancel). Children may visit the Book Corner at any point during worship.

Nursery care for infants, toddlers and preschoolers is located through that door and down the hallway (up four stairs to the door on the right). Fussy babies and their caregivers are invited to the Hastings Room, just across the hall from that same door, where the service is broadcast through speakers.

PREACHING TODAY IS Dan Smith, Senior Minister. Assisting with worship are Reebee Girash, Interim Minister, and Sarah Higginbotham, Director of Creative Worship & Arts. Our liturgist is First Church deacon Christine Reynolds. Assisting with serving communion are children of the church. Peter Sykes, Director of Music, is playing the organ and directing the choir.

The **YOUR PRAYERS ARE REQUESTED** section of the bulletin is omitted from this online version to preserve the privacy of those mentioned. If you'd like more information on the people we're praying for this week, please contact the church office at parishadmin@firstchurchcambridge.org or 617-547-2724 and we'll get the information to you.

TODAY'S COMMUNION AND OUTDOOR CHURCH

Today we celebrate on ongoing commitment to The Outdoor Church, a ministry to homeless men and women in Cambridge. Its mission is to take the church to those who cannot or will not reach it on their own. The Outdoor Church's ministries include Sunday services followed by a light meal and/or street outreach, Saturday meals, pastoral visiting and memorial services. Sunday services include a 9 a.m. Service of Prayer & Communion at Porter Square, and a 1 p.m. Service of Prayer & Communion at Cambridge Common. There is a Thursday 6 p.m. Service of Compline at the Caspar Shelter on Albany Street.

The Outdoor Church is supported by member churches of the Harvard Square Clergy Association, including First Church in Cambridge. In early 2005, Rev. Jedediah Mannis, one of three ministers to the Outdoor Church, became an Affiliate Staff member at First Church. Our Creative Worship & Arts program began partnering with the Outdoor Church in October 2005 to provide three dozen lunches on the first Sunday of the month, and dozens of pairs of warm socks during the colder months of the year. Each Communion Sunday, the children of our Church School assemble PB&J, turkey, and ham sandwiches in Margaret Jewett Hall. They decorate paper lunch bags, which are filled with a sandwich, a banana, and a bit of chocolate. The children then return to worship with baskets of sandwiches to be blessed alongside our Communion Feast. The children share their sandwich-making ministry with us this morning as the Response of Faith in our worship. You are invited to work alongside them in the chancel to prepare the lunches. The children will continue to lead us as we celebrate Communion together. Three children will join the Deacons to serve the Communion bread - this month, it's sandwich bread! - to the congregation.

In January 2011, First Church member Dave Kidder began organizing the First Saturday sandwich-making project, which provides a bag supper to dozens of homeless men and women on an evening when there is no open soup kitchen in Cambridge. The Missions & Social Justice Committee has provided both financial support and volunteer time to this effort.

There is always an opportunity to support this ministry. Please consider now whether you can give an hour or more of your time. We need volunteers to bring our food offering to the Cambridge Common at 1:00 p.m. on the first Sunday of each month. We also need volunteers to make sandwiches and distribute them in the late afternoon on the First Saturday of each month. If you can help on a Sunday, contact Valerie Blanc at valerie.blanc@gmail.com. If you can help on a Saturday, contact Dave Kidder at flintkiddr@aol.com.

TODAY'S HAPPENINGS

A FORUM ON VIOLENCE IN OUR COMMUNITIES Today at 10:00 a.m., Hastings Room

Today we will gather to share in a time of Biblical and spiritual reflection on the reality of violence in our communities. Given the recent Marathon bombings, the shootouts in the streets of Cambridge and Watertown, and the ongoing prevalence of gun violence in our city and nation, we will consider the impact of these and other examples of violence and consider a range of faith-filled responses, from prayers and vigils to social and political action. Rev. Dan Smith will lead this session.

AN OPPORTUNITY FOR HEALING PRAYER Every Communion Sunday, the deacons and ministers offer prayers for healing, peace, and reconciliation for anyone who desires them. The healing prayer teams will be positioned in the chancel (near the baptismal font). If you would like to share a healing prayer, receive an anointing or laying on of hands, please approach one of the teams at the end of the service and make your need known. In addition to healing prayers offered after the service today, members of the First Church community are welcome to contact a minister at any time for prayer or conversation about what is on your mind and heart.

CONGREGATIONAL CONVERSATION Today at 12:30 p.m., Margaret Jewett Hall

In March we held a series of congregational conversations on topics ranging from wholeness and sustainability in our congregational life, staff leadership, and “Learning, Living and Sharing” as faith practices. We met Mary and Martha and St. Pauline, and members of the congregation offered thoughtful reflections. Please join us for a follow-up conversation today after church in Margaret Jewett Hall. A light lunch will be provided. Members of Executive Council will update you on the work of the staff configuration team, and we will explore ways our congregation can develop deeper friendships with one another and continue our faith journey together. Please make sure to come to this session.

SPIRITUALITY AND MENTAL HEALTH GROUP Today at 2:00 p.m., Tower Room

How do emotional struggles and mental health difficulties affect your relationship with God? Does your faith change your experience of mental health issues? Join us in the Tower Room each Sunday from 2:00 to 3:30 p.m. as we hold these questions and our experiences in the healing light of Christ. The group is open: you may attend as often or as little as you like, and newcomers are always welcome. Talk to or e-mail Terry McKinney (tmckinney@firstchurchcambridge.org) or Carter West (stbosal@arczip.com).

NIGHT SONG: *SOLEMN MYSTICAL COMPLINE* Today at 8:30 p.m., Sanctuary

Night Song continues through the spring and summer - but with several changes. The starting time will be 8:30 p.m., as sunset is occurring later now. The setting will be simpler, with no icons, very few candles and no incense. And there will be no jazz instrumental component, making it 30 minutes in length and more traditional in nature. The music will be Gregorian chant and Renaissance polyphony. Night Song is based on Compline, the last daily service of Christian worship, dating back to monastic life in the Middle Ages. Offered in the quietness of the evening, Night Song invokes a sense of protection and peace for the night that is to come.

FUTURE HAPPENINGS

FAMILY NIGHT Tuesday, May 7, 5:30 – 7:00 p.m., Sage Hall First Church families gather every other week in Sage Hall for a simple potluck supper and a chance to share the joys and challenges of family life together. The main dish (usually pasta and sauce) is provided; bring a side dish, dessert, or drink to share. The final Family Night until September will be May 21.

DROP-IN HAVRUTA BIBLE STUDY - SEARCHING FOR WHOLENESS, ALONE AND TOGETHER These past weeks our congregation has been asking ourselves a deep set of questions. How do we sustain ourselves with renewed balance? How do we sustain ourselves toward greater wholeness? How do we do so alone and together? This conversation will continue to unfold in many ways. One place it will continue is in a *havruta* group meeting Thursday mornings at 7:00-8:45 a.m. If there's a text that captures our focus, it comes from John's Gospel: *Jesus came to a Samaritan city called Sychar, near the plot of ground that Jacob had given to his son Joseph. Jacob's well was there, and Jesus, tired out by his journey, was sitting by the well.* We invite you to come and sit by the well. Come once. Come twice. Come every week. Come if you've done *havruta* before. (*Havruta* is Hebrew for "befriend.") Come if you've never tried it. Simply come and sit with us. We begin with breakfast. Several members of the group will take turns sharing a text, not necessarily Biblical, perhaps a poem or short reading. We explore the text through dialogue and conversation. And we listen for insights, images, common language to recognize more fully the grace of balance and wholeness, alone and together. For more information, contact Brent Coffin at brentbcoffin@gmail.com or Gaylen Morgan at photongm@comcast.net.

GARDENING EVENT RESCHEDULED! Saturday, May 11, 10 a.m. Carpools leave First Church for a gardening opportunity in Dorchester cosponsored by the Sustainability Guild Intl, our Mission and Social Justice Committee and CMM. Bring your lunch, gardening gloves and your love of all of God's creation. Please sign up with Nancy Kilburn at nkkilburn@comcast.net Project ends at 3 p.m. We will be working with neighborhood residents in Dorchester at 278 Blue Hill Avenue. A link for more information about the garden project can be found at www.coopmet.org. Thank you so much for participating in this community transformation event.

THE MOTHER'S DAY WALK FOR PEACE Sunday, May 12 at 8 a.m., Town Field Park, Fields Corner Dorchester, MA Please consider an early morning walk with our neighbors in Dorchester next Sunday. The Mother's Day Walk for Peace began in 1996 for families who had lost their children to violence. On a day that we celebrate mothers and children, the Walk became a place for families and friends to feel support and love with thousands of others who pledge their commitment to peace. Opening remarks at 8:00; Walk from 8:00-10:00. mothersdaywalk4peace.org/

LIVING FAITH AND FAMILY LIFE Sundays, May 12, 19 and 26 at 10:00 am, Hastings Room - Our congregation has recently engaged in conversations about “Learning, Living, and Sharing” the way of Jesus. But “Learning, Living and Sharing” are not just for grownups! We invite parents and caregivers of young children to a discussion series on faith formation at home. Topics may include: How should we engage Bible stories? How do our own faith journeys impact our parenting? What are age-appropriate responses to hard theological questions? Is Sabbath something we can practice as a family? Are there table graces beyond "God is great, God is good...?" When can our kids engage in service projects? Don't currently have children at home? We invite uncles and aunts, grandparents and caring grownups to offer wisdom and support in these conversations. Questions? Speak to Sarah Higginbotham (shigginb@firstchurchcambridge.org) or Reebee Girash (rgirash@firstchurchcambridge.org).

DOCUMENTARY SCREENING Thursday, May 16 at 7:30 p.m., Margaret Jewett Hall Please join First Church friend Arleigh Prelow who will be screening her life-long work, a film, entitled “The Psalm of Howard Thurman” Rev. Howard Thurman (1899 – 1981) was an influential American author, philosopher, theologian, educator and civil rights leader. He was the Dean of Chapel at Howard University and Boston University for more than twenty years. He wrote twenty-one books, and in 1944 helped found a multicultural church. Carolyn Wilkins, Music Director for the Jazz Worship Service, will provide some musical accompaniment.

LIFE AND LEGACY RETREAT Saturday, June 1, 10 a.m. - 3 p.m. *“If I had a \$100,000 to give away, how would I do it?”* Come to the Life and Legacy retreat sponsored by the Stewardship Committee. We will be discussing a lot more than money! Participants will have a chance to explore what it means to have a good life and a good death. A good life means finding comfort with our dreams, hopes and fears. A good death can occur with a little practical foresight. Specific workshops will be offered addressing all the paperwork involved at end of life, how to organize a memorial service or funeral, where to find good health care, and planned giving. Lunch will be provided. Register online at the First Church website or email Tim Seery at tseery@college.harvard.edu by May 27. If you have any questions feel free to contact a Stewardship member: Deric Corwin, James Greaney (Chair), Anne Holtzworth, Beth Loomis, Elizabeth Lovance, Karen McArthur, Anne McClintock, or Tim Seery.

EARTH STEWARDSHIP SUNDAY RESCHEDULED FOR JUNE 2 As part of our observation of Mission 4/1 Earth, First Church observe a creation-themed Sunday on June 2. You are invited to consider the earth – and your carbon footprint – as you make your way to church on June 2. This is a great day to BIKE, BUS, CARPOOL OR WALK to church. At 10:45 on the walkway to the playground entrance, join us for a Blessing of the Bicycles! During worship, we will celebrate Creation and commit to being Earth Stewards. After church, we’ll have an Earth Stewardship Fair in Margaret Jewett Hall and outside.

FIRST CHURCH MUSICALE Sunday, June 2 in Margaret Jewett Hall The Musicale is coming up! Mark your calendars: Early crowd at 5:00, potluck at 6:00, then late crowd after that. Details will be coming out soon in the bulletin, so keep your eyes peeled. If you are interested in performing, you can email Mike Plum at mikeplum@gmail.com or call him at 857-523-0441.

GET INVOLVED

EXPLORING GENDER, SEXUALITY, AND IDENTITY Although our culture now recognizes many more types of sexual and gender expression than it did not very long ago, many people, including some at First Church, still have a hard time fitting their experiences into even these expanded categories. The social pressure to do so, and the expectations other people bring to interactions, can raise some tough questions of identity. Who am I when I don't feel like I fit into the basic categories of male or female, of gay or straight? First Church will soon be hosting a small group gathering (date to be arranged based on interest and availability of participants) that will provide a safe, non-judgmental, and confidential setting in which to share the experience of living in a world wherein feelings about one's gender and/or sexuality don't always seem to "fit". If interested, please call or email Rev. Dan Smith who has been working with church members on how to open a safe space for this conversation.

BOSTON YOUTH SEEK HELP TO GREEN THEIR NEIGHBORHOODS Roxbury Environmental Empowerment Project (REEP) is a youth-led community organizing program for environmental justice in Roxbury, Dorchester and across the City of Boston. In their words "Our neighborhoods are full of empty lots that have been unused for years. The existence of so many lots is a result of Boston's history of racism and classism. Neglected and empty land causes problems for our neighborhoods, but we can change that by building gardens. *We need wheelbarrows and power drills. We also need shovels, gloves, art paint and lawn bags. Do you have any of this you could share?*" If so, contact Susan Redlich (617-599-3234).

INTERNATIONAL/INTERFAITH CONCERT FOR REFUGEE IMMIGRATION MINISTRY (RIM) Wednesday, May 8, 2013 AT 6:00 p.m., St. Paul's Episcopal Church, 26 Washington Street, Malden (Validated parking adjacent) Doors open at 6:00 p.m., Refreshments and Silent Auction until 6:40. Concert begins 6:45. Guest Speaker: Buti Kale, Deputy Director United Nations High Commissioner on Refugees. Diverse participating groups: Brazilian, Rwandan, Jewish, Hindu, Sikh, and Islamic. See Ann Curby (617-876-6255) for tickets or buy on-line at www.r-i-m.net.

The Week Ahead

Sunday, May 5

Feeding Sunday

- 9:00 a.m. Choir Rehearsal
- 9:45 a.m. Coffee/Gathering Time, Margaret Jewett Hall (MJH)
- 10:00 a.m. Christian Formation for Adults
- 11:00 a.m. Morning Worship, Communion in Stations, Multi-generational Worship, Feeding Sunday, Dan Smith, preaching
- 12:15 p.m. Light Lunch, Margaret Jewett Hall
- 12:30 p.m. Congregational Conversation: Staff Configuration
- 1:00 p.m. Outdoor Church, Cambridge Common
- 2:00 p.m. Spirituality and Mental Health Group, Tower Room
- 8:30 p.m. Night Song, Sanctuary (*note time change*)

Tuesday, May 7

- 5:30 p.m. Family Night, Sage Hall

Wednesday, May 8

- 9:30 a.m. Staff Meeting, Dan Smith's office
- 7:00 p.m. Deacons Meeting, Hastings Room
- 7:30 p.m. Stewardship Committee, Dan Smith's office

Thursday, May 9

- 7:00 a.m. *Havruta* Bible Study (drop-in - all welcome), Hastings Room
- 7:45 p.m. Choir Rehearsal, Hastings Room

Saturday, May 11

- 10:00 a.m. Dorchester Gardening Event, carpools leave First Church

Sunday, May 12

- 9:00 a.m. Choir Rehearsal
- 9:45 a.m. Coffee/Gathering Time, MJH
- 10:00 a.m. Christian Formation for Adults: Living Faith and Family Life
- 11:00 a.m. Morning Worship, Adwoa Lewis-Wilson, preaching
- 11:20 a.m. Church School (grades PreK-7)
- 12:15 p.m. Coffee Hour, MJH
- 2:00 p.m. Spirituality and Mental Health Group, Tower Room
- 4:00 p.m. Confirmation Class
- 8:30 p.m. Night Song, Sanctuary

First Church Covenant Testimony

Adopted 1990

We believe that our covenant with God and each other calls us:

To love God with all that we are, and our close and distant neighbors as ourselves;
To seek peace with justice and equity for all people;
To engage in non-violent resistance to evil;
To respect and preserve God's earth;
To foster community across every barrier and division;
To attend to God's unfolding and reconciling word;
To support each other in our frailties and strengths, that we may embody that love which overcomes fear and death.

This we testify, confessing always our reliance on God's grace in Christ, and in the power of the Holy Spirit.



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