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Gathering

*Song: Come, All You People / Uyai Mose  
Mike Russell (MDiv ’16)  
Emily Hedrick (MDiv ’16)  
Alan Suber (MDiv ’15)  
Sally Morris

Call to Worship and Invocation  
Emily Hedrick (MDiv ’16)

Scripture Reading: John 15:1; 1 John 3:16-24 (pg 3)  
Anna Fleig (MDiv/MA Counseling ’18)

The Community We Bring

Reflection  
Brian Hollingsworth (MDiv ’17)

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The Community We Have

Reflection  
Vivian Jones-Johnson (MDiv ’16)

Musical Refrain: How Many Times We Start Again: Verse 2

Procession of the Elements: "Dwell"  
Amazing Grace  
Daniel Reese (MDiv ’17)

Communion  
Dr. Veronice Miles  
Rachel Revelle (MDiv ’16)  
Kenneth Pettigrew (MDiv ’16)  
Lindsey Altvater (MDiv ’16)  
Daniel Potter (MDiv ’16)  
Rev. Chris Copeland

Communion Song: "Thank You, Lord"  
Andria Williamson (MDiv ’17)
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Side A: This is my commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you. No one has greater love than this, to lay down one’s life for one’s friends. You are my friends if you do what I command you.

Side B: We know love by this, that he laid down his life for us and we ought to lay down our lives for one another. But if anyone has the world’s goods and sees her brother or sister in need, yet closes her heart against him, how does God’s love abide in her? Little children, let us not love in word or talk but in deed and in truth.

A: God is glorified by this, that you bear much fruit and become my disciples. As God has loved me, so I have loved you; abide in my love. If you keep my commandments, you will abide in my love, just as I have kept God’s commandments and abide in God’s love.

B: And this is God’s commandment, that we believe in the name of God’s Son Jesus Christ and love one another, just as he has commanded us. Whoever keeps God’s commandments abides in God, and God in her. And by this we know that God abides in us, by the Spirit whom God has given us.

A: I have said these things to you so that my joy may be in you, and that your joy may be complete. I do not call you servants any longer, because the servant does not know what the master is doing; but I have called you friends, because I have made known to you everything that I have heard from my Father. You did not choose me but I chose you. And I appointed you to go and bear fruit, fruit that will last, so that the Father will give you whatever you ask him in my name. I am giving you these commands so that you may love one another.

B: “If the world hates you, be aware that it hated me before it hated you. If you belonged to the world, the world would love you as its own. Because you do not belong to the world, but I have chosen you out of the world—therefore the world hates you.

A: Remember the word that I said to you, ‘Servants are not greater than their master.’ If they persecuted me, they will persecute you; if they kept my word, they will keep yours also. But they will do all these things to you on account of my name, because they do not know the one who sent me.

B: “When the Advocate comes, whom I will send to you from the Mother, the Spirit of truth who comes from the Mother, she will testify on my behalf. You also are to testify because you have been with me from the beginning.

All: Abide in me as I abide in you. Just as the branch cannot bear fruit by itself unless it abides in the vine, neither can you unless you abide in me. I am the vine, you are the branches. Those who abide in me and I in them bear much fruit, because apart from me you can do nothing. Whoever does not abide in me is thrown away like a branch and withers; such branches are gathered, thrown into the fire, and burned. If you abide in me, and my words abide in you, ask for whatever you wish, and it will be done for you.
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3. But greater than the cost we find is heart and mind to trust and follow you: in your heart where you would have us go. We know from all our startings out each we hear a music never heard, a tune Copyright © 2009, GIA Publications, Inc. • All Rights Reserved

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Special Music: "How You Love/Moving Forward"

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