

**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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# Labors of Community

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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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