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We humbly gather on Treaty 6 territory, traditional lands of First Nation and Metis people.

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Seeds of the Spirit

Prelude

Gather

Hymn: Designer, Creator, Most Provident God

We pray that your people will find in this place
Full measures, o'er flowing, of love and of grace,

Of challenging thought and of nurturing care,
Of deepening friendships and strengthening prayer.

The music of silence caressing our ears
Renews us in spirit and eases our fears.
We listen, we ponder, we wait for your voice,
And hearing, in gratitude, now we rejoice.

You call us to justice, to freedom and peace,
To work building bridges that love may increase.
Stand with us to show us the excellent way
To welcome, unhindered, your long-promised day.

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Centre

Poem
Musical Meditation

Listen

Blessings, Concerns, Spirit Sightings

Hymn- *Come and Find the Quiet Centre*

Come and find the quiet centre in the crowded life we lead,
find the room for hope to enter, find the frame where we are freed:
Clear the chaos and the clutter, clear our eyes that we can see
all the things that really matter, be at peace, and simply be.

Silence is a friend who claims us, cools the heat and slows the pace,
God it is who speaks and names us, knows our being, face to face,
making space within our thinking, lifting shades to show the sun,
raising courage when we're shrinking, finding scope for faith begun.

In the Spirit, let us travel, open to each other's pain,
Let our love and fears unravel, celebrate the space we gain:
There's a place for deepest dreaming, there's a time for heart to care,
in the Spirit's lively scheming there is always room to spare!

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Scripture: Hebrews 11:1–3, 8–16 (NRSV)

Message

Respond

“The Architect’s Prayer,” *a Catholic prayer revised for inclusive language.*

Divine Creator, thank you for the diverse talents and vocations you have given us, inviting us to share in your ongoing creation of vibrant communities and a better world.

Out of infinite love, you entrusted us with an unfinished world so that we may continue shaping it, and in doing so, grow into the fulfilled and whole human beings we are meant to be.

We know that love gives true value to the work of our hands and hearts; please grant us an abundance of it. We know that creativity, compassion, and diligent effort are needed to build lives of purpose and peace; please bless us with these gifts.

We know we need one another, sharing a passion to build a beautiful and sustainable world for all people, regardless of their means. Bring us together in solidarity, ensuring that every person’s labor is valued and supported fairly.

With these gifts, through all seasons of life, we will continue to embrace the unique callings you have honored us with.

We open our hearts to receive these blessings through the grace of Jesus Christ and the humble guidance of our Blessed Mother. Amen.

Hymn - ***Let Us Build a House***

Let us build a house where love can dwell and all can safely live,
a place where saints and children tell how hearts learn to forgive.
Built of hopes and dreams and visions, rock of faith and vault of grace;
here the love of Christ shall end divisions:
All are welcome, all are welcome, all are welcome in this place.

Let us build a house where prophets speak, and words are strong and true,
where all God’s children dare to seek God’s dream for all anew.
Here the cross shall stand as witness and as symbol of God’s grace;

here as one we claim the faith of Jesus:

All are welcome, all are welcome, all are welcome in this place.

Let us build a house where hands will reach beyond the wood and stone
to heal and strengthen, serve and teach, and live the Word they've known.

Here the outcast and the stranger bear the image of God's face;

Let us bring an end to fear and danger:

All are welcome, all are welcome, all are welcome in this place.

Let us build a house where all are named, their songs and visions heard
And loved and treasured, taught and claimed as words within the Word.

Built of tears and cries and laughter, prayers of faith and songs of grace;

Let this house proclaim from floor to rafter;

All are welcome, all are welcome, all are welcome in this place.

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Benediction

As we prepare to leave this sacred space, where we have worshipped together, let us move into
the world enlivened and renewed by the light and spirit of Christ.

**May we go forth with the assurance that the spirit of love is alive – springing to life within
and around us. Amen!**

Postlude