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**TOGETHER WE HAVE HOPE !**

*“Do not worry about your life...Seek first the Kingdom of God.” Mt. 6:25:33*

**Leader:** *May the peace and grace of our glorious God be with us all.*

**All:** *Blessed be God, the Creator of all that is.*

**Leader:** Let Nothing Disturb You

“Let nothing disturb you;  
let nothing dismay you;  
all things pass:  
God never changes.  
Patience attains all it strives for.  
Those who have God find they lack nothing:  
God alone suffices.” Teresa of Avila

**Collatio:** “Therefore I tell you, do not worry about life, what you will eat (or drink) or about your body, what you will wear. Is not life more than food and the body more than clothing? Look at the birds in the sky; they do not sow or reap, they gather nothing into barns, yet your heavenly Father feeds them...Your heavenly Father knows that you need them all. But seek first the Kingdom of God and his righteousness, and all these things will be given you besides.” Matt. 6:25, 26, 33.

**All:** May the strengthening Spirit bear fruit in your creating;  
May the anointing Spirit infuse your heart with the beautiful perfumes of goodness;  
May the flowing Spirit spring up as Wisdom’s fountain in your heart;  
May the enfolding Spirit become your well-fitting garment;  
May the sword of the Spirit defend your vulnerability;  
May the guiding Spirit lead you through the heights and the depths;  
May the elemental Spirit connect you to the natural world;  
May the joyful Spirit temper the solemnity of our knowing,  
So that you may become a song within the Divine creation. Joyce Boyce-Tillman, England  
Based on Hildegard of Bingen