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## TOGETHER WE HAVE HOPE !

*“For those who are led by the Spirit of God are children of God.” Rom. 8:14*

- Leader:** *In the name of God, our Creator, Jesus the Eternal Word, and the Spirit, Holy Life and Light.*
- All:** *Gracious God, Your call to each one of us and Your Spirit within us causes us to see visions and dream dreams. How good it is, for the more we dream, hopes will take us. Let us be carried on the wings of our dreams with a confidence yet unknown. May we accept our challenges with unfounded enthusiasm and hopeful expectations, for nothing is impossible to You. Let us not become weighed down with our obstacles and limitations as we build the reign of God. We ask this through Jesus Christ our Lord and brother, the ultimate dreamer. Amen.*
- Reading:** *“For those who are led by the Spirit of God are children of God. For you did not receive a spirit of slavery to fall back into fear, but you received a spirit of adoption through which we cry, ‘Abba Father!’ The Spirit itself bears witness with our spirit that we are children of God, and if children, then heirs, heirs of God and joint heirs with Christ, if only we suffer with him so that we may also be glorified with him.” Rom. 8:14-17. (Pause)*
- Response:** *How liberated are those who have learned to let go –*
- All:** ***They shall experience the mystery of God.***
- Leader:** *How satisfied are those who seek to serve God –*
- All:** ***For God shall be their delight.***
- Leader:** *How happy are those who are willing to forgive others –*
- All:** ***They shall find release from guilt and fear.***
- Leader:** *How enlightened are those who know oneness with all things –*
- All:** ***They shall see God everywhere.***
- Leader:** *What an inspiration are those who work for justice and peace –*
- All:** ***For they shall live as children of God.***
- Leader:** *May God bless you. May God renew in you every day your courage and your love of life, your strength and your imagination, that, out of an inexhaustible source of life, you may develop your talents and realize your dreams, that you too may become your whole self, and give your gifts to others that your life may be fulfilled. May God lead you into a fulfilled life that you can be and become who you are. And, so may God bless you. Amen.*