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"Come Follow Me." Matt 4:19

Leader: You are the One who gathers us, loving God.

All: Blessed are You. You are the beginning and the end of our day. You bind us together in this place in respect, dignity.

Reading: "So Jesus went around all the towns and villages teaching in their synagogues, proclaiming the Good News of the Kingdom." *Mt 9:35*

Reflection: How are you called to bring the Good News of Jesus to others?

Pause

Left: A walk in the morning stillness, late February mist-in-air. The pond so calm with quiet that every golden-leaved tree looks deeply back to me.

Right: Then in the corner of my eye, a treasure and a gift for the day:
the geese sail through the quiet grey sky, not a sound
from their autumn voices,
only the whisper of strong wings wending.

Left: Abraham, geese following. He lets his God lead him.
The geese follow their hearts, give themselves in faithful journey.

Right: The questions in my life this day are walking away with treasured answers:
Come, follow me. Follow me. Follow me.

All: Strong wings will bear the journey; faithful hearts will hear the music.
Come, follow me. Follow me. Follow me. Joyce Rupp

Leader: We pray, O God, that great and generous-enough love that looks compassionately upon all, that love which accepts others with their mystery, doubt, hesitation, that love which reaches out even though there is no response in return, that love which is patient and kind, that kind of love which is Your love, never jealous, boastful or conceited, that love which is never rude or selfish but rather, always ready to excuse, to trust, to hope and to endure whatever comes will be ours as we follow You in bringing Your Good News to the world. Amen. Joyce Rupp