

## **Welcome**

With joy we come into this new day.  
We are blessed to be called community.  
Together we look to God who calls us into this new day  
And equips us to be disciples who follow in Jesus' way.  
Amen.

## **Gathering**

Come, Rousing God, stir us from complacency and slumber.  
Call forth our voices and imaginations as we are filled with your Spirit.

Come, Challenging God, engage us in the prophetic witness.  
Call forth our hands, our feet, our very lives to do your work in the world.

Come, Guiding God, dance with us in the work of mercy and compassion.  
Call forth our commitment and care that we might foster your justice in community.

In us and among us, O God, you lift up voices and witnesses to lead us in your  
ways of righteousness and mercy.

Come, Abiding God, dwell with us and fill us with your word.

## **Opening Prayer**

We pray:

Teach us, God, to serve you as you deserve, to give and not to count the cost, to fight and not to heed the wounds, to toil and not to seek for rest, to labor and not to ask for reward, except that of knowing that we do your will, through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

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## **Statement of Faith** *(from the Iona Community)*

We believe that God is present  
in the darkness before the dawn,  
in the waiting and uncertainty  
where fear and courage join hands,  
conflict and caring link arms,  
and the sun rises over barbed wire.

We believe in a with-us God  
who sits down in our midst to share our humanity.

We affirm a faith that takes us beyond the safe place  
into action, into vulnerability,  
and into the streets.

We commit ourselves to work for change,  
and put ourselves on the line,

to bear responsibility, take risks,  
live powerfully and face humiliation;  
to stand with those on the edge,  
to choose life  
and be used by the Spirit  
for God's new community of hope.  
Amen.

### **Prayers of the People**

Holy God, Creator, Christ, and Holy Spirit,  
One God in community,  
we give you thanks for the witness of Jesus among the people,  
and the people who bless us in our lives and communities.

Nurture us that we might build up your people.

Empower us that we might listen to the needs of your people.

Today we pray especially for:

- the Barkve family as they celebrate the birth of June Irene Barkve, daughter of Nik Barkve and Kate Schletty (granddaughter of Kelly and Allen Barkve)
- Belinda Cline's family, especially her sister Rita and brother-in-law Bill, with Bill's recent cancer diagnosis.
- Patty Bales and Doug Schumacher as they grieve the death of their sister-in-law Ann.
- Ruth Blomster as she walks with her brother, Don, who is in hospice.
- Ruth Herz
- Lloyd Mart
- Tom Reddy and Juliet Hanson
- Roger and Bettie Syverud who will be celebrating their 50<sup>th</sup> Wedding Anniversary on June 27<sup>th</sup>
- Ed Olson who is celebrating his 100<sup>th</sup> Birthday on June 27<sup>th</sup>.
- Theresa Jacobson, daughter-in-law of Sue and Lyle Jacobson, as she prepares for surgery.
- all recovering from surgery
- all living with or walking with others through addiction

Strengthen us that we might enliven the work of your people.

Equip us that we might do what is right for your people.

Bind us to one another, O God, to be your people  
in a community of justice and mercy.  
Bind us to you, O God, that our words and actions  
reveal your life for the world as made known in Jesus and your prophets.

Come among us now, O God.  
in your compassion, your justice, and your witness  
Guide us and enliven us to be your people.

In this witness teach us to pray,  
Our Father in heaven,  
hallowed be your name,  
your kingdom come,  
your will be done,  
on earth as in heaven.  
Give us today our daily bread.  
Forgive us our sins  
as we forgive those who sin against us.  
Save us from the time of trial  
and deliver us from evil.  
For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours  
now and for ever. Amen.

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**Blessing**                      adapted from the *Book of Common Prayer*

Grant, we pray, O God, that the words which we have heard this day with our outward ears, may, through your grace, be so grafted inwardly in our hearts, that these words may bring forth in us the fruit of living that proclaims your love, your grace, your work in the world, to the honor and praise of your name; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

**Dismissal**

You are God's disciples, God's prophets, alive and at work in the world.  
Go, forth in voice and action to live God's call.  
Thanks be to God!