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GATHERING

Enter the circle when the chimes are sounded.

WELCOME

LIGHT THE CENTER CANDLE

INTRODUCTION OF THEME

Forgiveness

CENTERING PRAYER

Holy God, we yearn for a world where right and wrong are easy to distinguish. We yearn for a world where we trust the words “I’m sorry” enough to forgive. We yearn for a world where we love one another so deeply that we rarely offend. We yearn for a simple world that is filled with joy because we experience so much grace in our lives. Until Your reign comes upon the earth, enable us to live simply, to build relationships of love, and communities and nations of peace and justice. We pray in Christ Jesus, our Lord.

QUESTIONS & SHARING AS YOU WILL

Think about the story of the Amish and their response to the shooter's family.

Where do we discover the presence of God in this story?

What can their tragedy teach us about faith and forgiveness?

How do we forgive those who have wronged, or hurt, or sinned against us?

THE INVITATION

REFLECTIONS

As we go into our time of reflections, you are invited to read one or more of the passages on the table. There are a series of questions to guide your thoughts on this card, but not to dominate them. Allow the Holy Spirit to guide you as you reflect on these passages and forgiveness. You are invited to journal, sketch, light a candle, meditate, OR remain in the circle. When the music ends and you hear the chimes, please return to the circle.

QUESTIONS ON REFLECTION

How does this passage inform your understanding of the nature of God?

How does this passage inform your understanding of human beings?

How does this passage inform your understanding of yourself as you live as a Christian in a fragile world?

CLOSING CIRCLE

BRIEF INSTRUMENTAL

JOINING HANDS FOR DISMISSAL WITH PRAYER

EXTINGUISHING THE CANDLE



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