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Welcome

Jay Rundell, president

Song of Gathering “God of Grace and God of Glory”

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Invocation

Anika-Kafi Summers, M.Div.
Kim Metzger, M.Div.
Ashton Dupler, M.Div.

**Blessed are you, Eternal God of the universe:
We acknowledge you, we welcome you, and we thank you
for you have brought us to this moment, this time, and this place:**
this moment of crossing and convergence —
this time of ending and beginning —
this place of closing and opening.

**Grant us, we pray, your comfort this evening
and in the midst of transition.**

Receive our grief over loss of friends, colleagues and relationships;
our fear of change and of an uncertain future;
and our doubts of our own abilities and divine calling.

**May they be overshadowed by the potential for new relationships,
the courage for new challenges, and the hope for new direction.**

Grant us we pray, your wisdom and your courage in the choices we are
making and in the paths we are pursuing.

Grant us we pray, your peace — the personal peace which passes all
understanding and overwhelms our hearts, and the corporate peace
that comes only amidst the building of just relationships with one
another and with all of your creation.

GOODNESS OF GOD

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GREAT IS THY FAITHFULNESS

Words by Thomas O. Chisholm

Music by William M Runyan

GOD OF GRACE AND GOD OF GLORY

Words by Harry Emerson Fosdick

Music by John Hughes

Prayer of Invocation

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