

**A New Worship Experience – September 20, 2014**

**West River Conference Center – 7:30 a.m.**

**THE COMMUNITY GATHERS TO WORSHIP**

**MUSIC TO GATHER TOGETHER**

**Oh, What A Beautiful Morning**

Refrain:

Oh, what a beautiful morning,  
Oh, what a beautiful day.  
I've got a beautiful feeling,  
Faith will be coming my way.

Verse 1

There's a song in my heart that's a-borning,  
There's a feeling that drives me to yearning.  
My mind is quite clear with the things I hold dear,  
But I want to share questions with all who come near...

Refrain:

Oh, what a beautiful morning,  
Oh, what a beautiful day.  
I've got a beautiful feeling,  
Faith will be coming my way.

Verse 2

There is joy in the Earth - I can hear it,  
    And the chorus is lifting my spirit,  
    I know in my heart there is much to be done  
    So I pray for the strength because I am the one....

Refrain:

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Oh, what a beautiful day.  
I've got a beautiful feeling,  
Faith will be coming my way.

**WE CALL OURSELVES TO ATTENTIVENESS**

Liturgist

ONE: These are the teachings of Jesus: I am telling you, love your enemies

**ALL: Bless those who curse you, pray for those who mistreat you.**

ONE: If someone slaps you on the cheek,

**ALL: Offer your other cheek as well.**

ONE: If anyone grabs your coat,

**ALL: Let him have your shirt as well.**

ONE: Give to anyone who asks,

**ALL: If someone takes away your belongings, do not ask to have them back.**

ONE: As you want people to treat you well,

**ALL: Do the same for them.**

**COMMON CONFESSION**

Liturgist

ONE: In a world of surprises, we are called to a new way of being.

**ALL: We know the Holy Spirit is within us as we grow and change, but it is hard to let go of what has been.**

ONE: We confess how often we yearn for the good old days,  
for a kind of comfort and safety that never really was.

**ALL: We too often see the future as threat rather than hope.  
Let us commit together to overcome our fears and failings.**

**WORDS OF ASSURANCE**

Liturgist

ONE: As a community of faith, let us live in love and hope.

Let us forgive one another. You are free to live a new life.

**ALL: Thanks be to God.**

**THE COMMUNITY HEARS THE PROCLAMATION**

**A READING from the Hebrew Scriptures:**

Genesis 1 thru Chapter 2: 4a.

**THE WORD IS PROCLAIMED:**

Rev Dr Maynard Moore

**THE PEOPLE RESPOND IN PRAYER**

**All:** O most Compassionate, You who give us life, may we honor & praise You;  
May we work with You, to establish an order of peace, justice & love;  
Give us each day what we need, for growth in body and spirit,  
And help us through forgiving others, to learn to accept our forgiveness.  
Strengthen us in times of testing, that we may resist both the easy and the evil;  
For all tenderness and strength, all hope & love are yours, now & forever.  
Amen.

**A SONG OF SUPPORT AND FELLOWSHIP**

**Praise the Source of Faith & Learning**

(Tune: "Come Thou Fount of Every Blessing")

Praise the Source of faith & learning  
That has sparked & stoked the mind  
With a passion for discerning  
How the world has been designed.  
Let the sense of wonder flowing  
From the wonders we survey  
Keep our faith forever growing  
And renew our need to pray.

God of wisdom, we acknowledge  
That our science & our art  
And the breadth of human knowledge  
Only partial truth impart.  
Far beyond our calculation  
Lies a depth we cannot sound,  
Where your purpose for creation  
And the pulse of life are found.

May our faith redeem the blunder  
Of believing that our thought  
Has displaced the sense of wonder  
Which the ancient prophets taught.  
May our learning curb the error  
Which unthinking faith can breed  
Lest we justify some error  
With an antiquated creed.

As two currents in the river  
Fight each other's undertow,  
Till converging they deliver  
One coherent steady flow.  
Blend, O God, our faith & learning  
Till they carve a single course,  
Till they join as one, ...returning  
Praise & thanks to you, their Source.

**THE SENDING FORTH**

ONE: ..... proclaiming to all: Christ is Risen!

ALL: **Christ is Risen in-our-deeds. Amen.**