We Belong

1. Our restless feet will wander far from here. Our gentle hearts will ponder and not fear. We are blessed, we are loved, we belong. You are blessed, you are loved, you belong. I am blessed, I am loved, I belong. We belong.

2. Our weary feet will stumble and fall.
Our heavy hearts will crumble for all.
We are blessed, we are loved, we belong.
You am blessed,
You am loved,
You belong.
I am blessed,
I am loved,
I belong.
We belong.

3. Our home bound feet will follow the way.
Our gentle hearts will hold, and hope, and pray.
We are blessed, we are loved, we belong.
You am blessed,
You am loved,
You belong.
I am blessed,
I am loved,
I belong.
We belong.

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Simple worship for the scattered Christian community

A Holy Communion video led liturgy is available at https://vimeo.com/572335335

Luke 19: 1-10 Zacchaeus Welcomed

Welcome

An opportunity to welcome people to the gathering

Responses & Gathering Prayer

We want to keep thanking you, reconciling God, for the gift of Christ, and the power of your Spirit weaving into a community.

As we come before you this day, may we forget our differences and set aside either envy or indifference, that with genuine love for one another we may, as with one mind, worship and adore you as you alone deserve.

This we pray in Jesus' name. Amen!

Music for Reflection

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Passing the Peace

The peace of the Lord be with you.

And also with you.

You are invited to turn to those around you and offer them a word of greeting and peace.

The Word around the Bush

Luke 19: 1-10

He entered Jericho and was passing through it. ² A man was there named Zacchaeus; he was a chief tax collector and was rich. ³ He was trying to see who Jesus was, but on account of the crowd he could not, because he was short in stature. 4 So he ran ahead and climbed a sycamore tree to see him, because he was going to pass that way.5 When Jesus came to the place, he looked up and said to him, "Zacchaeus, hurry and come down, for I must stay at your house today." 6 So he hurried down and was happy to welcome him. 7 All who saw it began to grumble and said, "He has gone to be the guest of one who is a sinner." 8 Zacchaeus stood there and said to the Lord, "Look, half of my possessions, Lord, I will give to the poor, and if I have defrauded anyone of anything, I will pay back four times as much." ⁹ Then Jesus said to him, "Today salvation has come to this house, because he, too, is a son of Abraham. 10 For the Son of Man came to seek out and to save the lost."

The Message

From your Scattered Community Minister or another leader within your gathering.

Questions for conversation

- Who does Jesus See?
- Who do I see?
- Who do I need to see?

Silence in Two Ways

Spend some time in silence sitting still (suggested 5 minutes). Close your eyes lightly. Sit relaxed but alert.

- •You may like to say the prayer phrase "Mar-an-atha" (which means come Lord). Say this as four syllables. Do not try to think or imagine anything. If thoughts or distractions come simply return to saying the word.
- •Or you may like "sitting with God" a silent time in which we focus all our mind, heart and soul on the presence of God without trying to create it. Simply be still and open to God.

Prayers for Others

In humility of heart let us pray to God the Father of

Lord, in Jesus we see how you lovingly call all sorts of people and then change them from within; take our hearts and minds, live in us today and every day.

Lord, in your mercy, hear our prayer.

Lord, in Zacchaeus we see how your call produced a new attitude to wealth and possessions; pour your love within us that we may experience a real closeness to you.

Lord, in your mercy, hear our prayer.

Lord, in Zacchaeus we see how Jesus produced a newness of life; work in the hearts of all in authority in our world that they may work for a more equal sharing of resources with those who are poor, hungry and destitute.

Lord, in your mercy, hear our prayer.

Lord, you teach us to bring your healing to the sick and suffering; may your healing be upon those whom we name before you now ...

Lord, in your mercy, hear our prayer. 1

Music for Reflection

Suggested song: Come, Come, Come © A Pocketful of Smooth Stones, 2020 Written, performed and produced by Malcolm Gordon

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Closing Responses & Blessing

Go now and live by faith. Patiently trust in God's promised future. live by God's teachings, and let your love for one another increase. And may God give you grace and peace.

May Christ Jesus make you worthy of his call. And may the Holy Spirit fulfil in you every good resolve and work of faith.

Bless us and the people we meet along the way Father,

Son

and Holy Spirit.

Amen