Prayer of Confession – Forgive Us for Grasping More

Leader: Merciful Lord, we mourn injustice that takes root in

many forms and in many places, both far and near.

People: Clearly, earth's abundance is not adequately shared.

Leader: We recognize the roots of conflict in ourselves and our

complicity in many systems of power and control.

People: Forgive us for grasping for much more than is ours.

Leader: We confess that stereotypes and suspicion too often

shape our perceptions and precipitate our actions.

People: We confess that we often fear our neighbor.

Leader: Share with us your abundant grace that we might

all "live in a manner worthy of the gospel of Christ."

Reaffirm our calling as your peacemakers.

All: Amen.

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