

Confession and Assurance – Make Room for Mystery

Leader: God of mystery, you call us into the unknown.
But we do not always follow willingly.

Reader 1: We confess that we do not want
to leave behind what is familiar.
We prefer looking like those around us.

Reader 2: We do not want to change our well-refined beliefs.
We prefer to think and believe
in the same ways we always have.

Reader 3: We do not want to give up the comfort
of our own self-sufficiency.
We prefer to stay in control.

Leader: Forgive us, O Lord, when in our best effort to work for you,
we fail to move with your Spirit.

**All: *Stir us deep within.
Recover a sense of your holy wonder
and make room within us
for the mystery of your Spirit.***

(Pause for silent confession)

Leader: God of mystery,
All: *restore us.*

Leader: Our help comes from the Lord,
Maker of heaven and earth.
The Lord will keep you from all harm.
The Lord will watch over your coming and going
both now and forevermore. Amen.

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