

# Call to Worship – Hearing True Stories of Those Before Us

Leader: Come. You are welcome here, as everywhere,  
in the faithful presence of God.  
Sit. Listen. Breathe. This presence is a gift.

**All: *We breathe in the gift of joy.***

Leader: Bubbling, beautiful joy that bursts from our lips in song and laughter.  
Joy in this earth, for the blessed bustle of beings that make their homes here.

**All: *We breathe in the gift of hope.***

Leader: Hope for the past, that we can hear true stories of those who came before us.  
Hope for today, that we can begin to be people of God's healing.  
Hope for the future, for the world to be made new  
when justice and peace shall kiss.

**All: *We breathe in the gift of love.***

Leader: Love that fills and overwhelms us.  
Love that will never turn away its face, even from our darkest places.

**All: *We breathe in the gift of life.***

Leader: Come, into the gift of new life  
In the name of the true and living Holy One,  
Who made us for love  
Who saved us by love,  
And who loves us still,  
Come, in fullness of life!

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