

# Invocation – The Forest is Calling

## *Lent 2*

Creator of all,  
tree of life,

Spirit among us:

as we wander deeper into the wilderness of this season,  
searching for paths among the woods,  
be our companion along the way less traveled.

The forest is calling us:  
come.

Come, stand among us.

Come where light and shadow dance  
as branches sway with the wind.

Come in wonder and worship,  
you powerful and powerless.

Come, children and elders,  
come, from all directions.

Come, learn the secrets of life:  
dormancy and growth,  
interconnection and community,  
rootedness and reaching upward.

We confess our devotion to independence,  
our belief we can go it alone,  
and our me-first mentality.

Heal us from our shortsightedness,  
so we might see the forest for the trees,  
recognize our dependence on you,  
and our interdependence with all life,  
from mycelia to majestic pines.

Shelter us, O God,  
in the safety of your strong branches.

Nourish and strengthen us,  
but keep us humble of heart.

Tune our ears to your timbered voice,  
and tune our hearts to praise. Amen.

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