

Leader (L): Let us give thanks for the remarkable gifts of God's creating and redeeming love, the loving that casts out all fear. For the love that frees us to ask questions and explore, to frame doubts and investigate new possibilities, to build theories and then cross-examine them.

ALL: We thank you, God of adventurous love.

L: For the love that enables us to marvel at our own existence, to ponder and remember, recognize our own needs and affirm our own knowledge and purpose.

ALL: We thank you, God of determined love.

L: For the love that helps us to communicate with one another, to express trust and respect, share heartaches and visions, to convey love and mercy.

ALL: We thank you, God of reconciling love.

L: For the love that inspires us to warmly encourage those around us, to affirm and build up, comfort and enlighten.

ALL: We thank you, God of nurturing love.

L: For the love that liberates us to celebrate the world around us in poetry and song, to delight in shapes and colors, intricacies and patterns, awesome forces and deep mysteries.

ALL: We thank you God of visionary love.

L: For the love that encourages us to express something of our faith; for creeds and prayers, hymns and readings, discussion groups and sermons.

ALL: We thank you, God of creative love.

L: Above all else we thank you for the love that allows us to admit that we have no words in which to adequately describe the process of faith in Christ, the worship of our God, and the holy wonder of the Spirit.

ALL: We thank you for that point where our love becomes wordless adoration.

L: We pray all of these things in the name of the one who taught us to pray together saying:

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread and forgive us our debts as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever. Amen!