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Loving God,

You who created everything that is good;
You who stretch out the heavens like a tent.

You have made us for each other. You call us
from our isolation into one community of love.
Your voice is sure and strong.

We come from many places, and yet
we are woven together in Your Spirit.

Together, we hear the cry of the poor,
bearing the weight of injustice.

Together, we see the pain of the Earth
as her beauty is destroyed.

And together, we hear your voice most clearly:

Calling us to join in solidarity
with our sisters and brothers in need;

Calling us to commit ourselves,
as Ruth to Naomi saying,

“Where you go, I will go. Where you stay, I will stay.”

O Lord, stretch the canvas of our hearts
that we might make room for the suffering
of all humanity, and of all creation.

Today, by your grace, we join our lives
to those who labour in the fields – those who are
weighed down by injustice and those who work
to build the world according to your way.

Lead us in the way of discipleship – the way
of love, of faith, of justice, and of peace –
the way that has always been yours.

Amen.