

The Church as Community

GOD'S REVELATION:

Lead a life worthy of the calling to which you have been called,
with all humility and gentleness, with patience,
bearing with one another in love,
**making every effort to maintain the unity of the Spirit
in the bond of peace.**

There is one body and one Spirit, just as you were called
to the one hope of your calling,
**one Lord, one faith, one baptism,
one God and Father of all,
who is above all and through all and in all.**

Speaking the truth in love, we must grow up in every way into him
who is the head, into Christ,
**from whom the whole body, joined and knitted together,
promotes the body's growth
in building itself up in love.**

(adapt. from Eph. 4:1-6, 15-16)

OUR RESPONSE:

Sing each other's songs. The psalmist called them new songs.
**The journey will be long;
we will need many songs.**

Lift each other's loads. Jesus called them daily crosses.
**Witness His journey up Golgotha;
we will need others to help us.**

Embrace each other's weaknesses. The Savior will count them as strength.
**The journey will reveal the truth.
We will converse in confession and forgiveness.**

Share each other's bread. The hungry will call it a miracle.
**We will journey within each day
and consider each meal sacred.**

Community will see us through.
**In community we see Christ,
our hope of salvation. Amen.**