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Beloved God, we are your people  
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Be with us, your whole church,  
as we seek to rekindle and enliven our faith.  
Keep us firm in our commitment  
to reshape our culture and structures for mission  
and invigorate our social justice engagement,  
most especially the nurture and protection of your creation.  
Let the whole world see us living and lifting up the fullness of your love.  
Make new those things that have grown old;  
and bring wholeness to that which cries out for restoration.  
All this we ask through the Spirit of the Living God  
and in the name of the Christ who came among us,  
*is* among us and will come among us.  
Amen.

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