## **Friday Morning Prayer**

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**Hymn** Spirit of Jesus – on reverse side

**Scripture Reading** Luke 24: 13-35

"The Road to Emmaus"

Prayer: God of surprises, long ago you confused and challenged your followers to discern where and how you would show up in their midst. You do the same for us today. As we begin our time together this weekend, we pray that our hearts may be quickened to discover you among us. Through your Word and through teaching, through the questions and hesitations and celebrations we carry, may we feel the excitement that comes from a journey of the spirit. May our eyes and souls be opened through what we don't quite understand to find you there offering us your provision and your grace. In those inevitable moments when we stumble through uneven ground of differing understandings and opinions, cause us to turn to each other for support even as we are following your leading. Holy God, thank you for care for us inch of our paths. Thank you that we do not travel any of our roads alone but that we journey with other disciples following your Spirit through the highways and the detours of life. Amen.

## Spirit of Jesus, If I Love My Neighbor

Spirit of Jesus, If I love my neighbor,
Out of my knowledge, leisure, power or wealth
Open my mind to understand the anger of
Helplessness that hates my power to help

And if, when I have answered need with kindness,
My neighbor rises, wakened from despair,
Open my heart to hear the cry for justice that
Struggles for the changes that I fear

If I am hugging safety or possessions,
Uncurl my spirit, as your love prevails,
To join my neighbors, work for liberation, and
Find my freedom at the mark of nails.

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