9.15.19

Worship at The WELL

**Gathering Music** 

**Greeting from The Band and Each Other** 

**Song for All** "Learning to be the Light"

**Announcements & Community Connections** 

Please take a moment to fill out the Attendance Pad as it is passed.

**Giving our Gifts to A Greater Purpose** 

**Song for All** "Christ Has Broken Down the Wall"

**The Word in Video** "Becoming Curious" Casey Tygrett

The Word in Holy Scriptures

Genesis 4:1-2,8-9 Key verse: Then the Lord

said to Cain, "Where is your brother Abel?" He said, "I do not know; am I my brother's keeper?"

Exodus 3:1-5

Key verse: Then Moses said, "I must turn aside and look at this great sight."

"Compassion: How to Change Your World" Sermon Series

**The Message** "Cultivating Curiosity"

## **Praver Station**

Moses one day was curious, and so he turned aside to go see the bush where God would speak to him. Think about what helps you to be curious and interested in others who are different from you. What shuts down your curiosity to know more about God and neighbor? Use the post-it note provided to write down what comes to mind, perhaps even a prayer asking God to guide your curiosity for the good of others. Perhaps your God-given curiosity sees the questions even more interesting than the answers to the questions. If it feels right, bring your note and place it at the "burning bush", as your way of "turning aside" to hear our God who is still speaking today.

## **Focus Song**

"Get Together"

Love is but a song to sing
Fear's the way we die
You can make the mountains ring
Or make the angels cry
Though the bird is on the wing
And you may not know why

Come on people now
Smile on your brother
Everybody get together
Try to love one another
Right now

Some may come and some may go

We shall surely pass When the one that left us here Returns for us at last We are but a moment's sunlight Fading in the grass

If you hear the song I sing You will understand (listen!) You hold the key to love and fear All in your trembling hand Just one key unlocks them both It's there at your command

## Prayer for All

"You Make All Things New"

One: God of all new things, God of Summer-become-Fall.

God of hope when life changes. Bless us, we pray this day.

ALL: God of all things passing away, and of all things become new.

God of the old and all yesterdays, as well as the curious and the new.

We seek blessing and alive-ness in your presence this day.

One: Loving God, we offer up our prayers of concern this day for those struggling to rebuild lives from natural disasters, especially those recovering from the recent hurricanes. And for those too recovering from human-made disasters like failed economies and leaders without vision. And for those struggling with illness in body and spirit. So we pray for all leaders and those who are led.

ALL: Oh, we know you hear us when we pray. Oh, incline your ear to our words, and us to your Spirit's curious callsilent, ...shouting, ...whispering, ...even wordless. (space for silence)

One: Surprise us even in our suffering and the suffering we see, by stirring us up to lean in and pay attention, to be curious even when our hard hearts close us off from you. Be gentle. Be gentle. O God, be God!

Anoint us, Holy One and fill us with a curious interest in others,
To look into the face of the Other, and then labor for a world that reflects your Justice and Mercy. Living God, we see how father, mother, daughter, son, neighbor, stranger, even adversaries –
All become reconciled in your stubborn redemptive love.

ALL: So we celebrate and rejoice -The old has passed away In you and your resurrection, In your life and love, everything becomes new!

Song for All

"The Joy of the Lord"

**Blessing** 

**Parting Music**