

# ENCOUNTER

A MID-WEEK SERVICE OF PRAYER AND PRESENCE

Gathering Music

Welcome

Gathering Music: Seek Ye First

Seek Ye First

**Seek ye first the kingdom of God, and his righteousness,  
and all these things shall be added unto you, Alleluia.**

**Ask and it shall be given unto you, seek and ye shall find,  
knock and the door shall be open unto you. Alleluia.**

**Seek ye first the kingdom of God, and his righteousness,  
and all these things shall be added unto you, Alleluia.**

Opening Prayer

One: We offer our whole selves to you this night, O God.

All: **Help us to trust in you.**

One: Teach us, show us, guide us, O God.

All: **Help us to follow where you lead.**

One: Draw near to us this night, O God.

All: **Grant us the assurance of your presence. Amen.**

Prayer of Confession

**O God,  
in these perplexing days  
we confess that we are tempted to give up  
and turn away from the path you would have us go.  
Forgive us, we pray.  
We ask that you would increase our faith;  
that you would enlarge our capacity to forgive;  
that you would guide our stumbling feet  
in the way that leads to life  
Through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

Silent Confession and Words of Assurance

Scripture: Numbers 14:1-11

Encountering the Scripture

Reflection and Response

Prayers of the People

The Lord's Prayer

Song of Sending Forth: Be Thou My Vision

Slane

**Be thou my vision, O Lord of my heart;  
Naught be all else to me, save that thou art.  
Thou my best thought by day or by night,  
waking or sleeping, thy presence my light.**

**Be thou my wisdom, and thou my true word;  
I ever with thee and thou with me, Lord;  
thou and thou only, first in my heart,  
great God of heaven, my treasure thou art.**

**Great God of heaven, my victory won,  
may I reach heaven's joys, O bright heaven's Sun!  
Heart of my own heart, whatever befall,  
still be my vision, O ruler of all.**

Benediction

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