



## WORDS FOR WORSHIP

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### A NOTE TO WORSHIP LEADERS

As you will see, we've bookended our worship series with liturgy for Holy Communion. If you are able, we encourage you to celebrate the Holy Feast the first and last Sundays of the stewardship series.

#### WEEK ONE REMEMBER

##### CALL TO WORSHIP

One: May we remember

**All: That God created.**

One: May we remember

**All: That God liberated.**

One: May we remember

**All: That God fed.**

One: May we remember

**All: That God is *still* creating,**

**God is *still* liberating,**

**And God is *still* feeding us.**

One: Let this be our story.

**All: Let this be where we begin.**

One: Let us worship holy God.

## **WEEK ONE** REMEMBER

### *PRAYER OF CONFESSION*

Holy God,  
We admit to remembering the wrong things.  
We remember worldly lessons like,  
“Everyone for themselves,”  
“An eye for an eye,” and  
“All is fair in love and war.”

And yet, we forget to forgive 70 times seven,  
To love our neighbors as ourselves,  
And to live like the body of Christ.

Why is it so hard to remember the right things?

Release us from our muscle memory and  
Re-center us in a new place,  
A fresh place,  
A space grounded in your love.

Help us to receive your word anew,  
And to consider stewardship not with the world’s rules,  
But with your rules.  
Help us remember.

With hope we pray,  
Amen.

### *PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION*

Holy God,  
There is something about scripture that stirs us awake.

For when we hear of a deep love that made room for everyone at the table,  
We remember that we are hungry.

And when we hear of manna raining down in the desert,  
We remember that we are lost.

There is something about scripture that stirs us awake,  
And it feels like hunger and it looks like hope.

So stir us awake, oh God.  
Remind us that this story starts with love and ends with love.

We are hungry, which is to say, we are listening.  
Amen.