One: Gracious God, eternal God, you have led us to curiosity about our creation, ourselves, and all things unknown.

Many: Let us never lose our sense of wonder about the world you have given us.

One: God of Abraham and Sarah, you lead us to new understandings when we least expect them.

Many: Let us never see ourselves as too young, too old, or too wise to learn new lessons from you.

One: God of the prophets, you call us to speak truth with love to a reluctant world.

Many: Give us courage to judge ourselves, and wisdom to learn from those you send to teach us.

One: God of the rich young ruler, you love us though we shrink from the challenge of discipleship.

Many: Teach us to surrender our own wills, that we might seek yours and draw closer to your grace.

One: Everlasting, ever-loving God, teacher, creator, giver of knowledge and freedom,

Many: grant that we might always use your gifts to build a world where peace, justice, love, and hope reign in wisdom and in truth. Amen.

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