

# Partners in Grace



## **Song: If Not Now**

*Carrie Newcomer*

## **Opening Prayer**

*Pat Bergan, CSJ*

- Theresa** Spirit of the Living God, bless the work of our hands, our minds, our hearts.
- Beverly** May our work be a reflection of all that is good within us.
- Diana** In planning, creating, and doing, grant us the courage to listen patiently for the stirring of your presence.
- Jean** Grace us with joyful moments in the midst of our deliberations.
- Julie** Enliven our spirits with humor.
- Marlene** Fill us with reverence for one another and gratitude for our diversity.
- Pat** May unity, beauty, and truth be the fruit of our labor. Amen.

## **Rose Reading: Phil 1:3–11**

I give thanks to my God at every remembrance of you, praying always with joy in my every prayer for all of you, because of your partnership for the gospel from the first day until now. I am confident of this, that the one who began a good work in you will continue to complete it until the day of Christ Jesus. It is right that I should think this way about all of you, because I hold you in my heart, you who are all partners with me in grace, both in my imprisonment and in the defense and confirmation of the gospel. For God is my witness, how I long for all of you with the affection of Christ Jesus. And this is my prayer: that your love may increase ever more and more in knowledge and every kind of perception, to discern what is of value, so that you may be pure and blameless for the day of Christ, filled with the fruit of righteousness that comes through Jesus Christ for the glory and praise of God.

## **Reflection/Sharing**

*What word or phrase spoke to you in the reading? When you're ready, post it in the chat.*

## **Intercessions**

For what or whom shall we pray?

R. Loving God, hear our prayer.

## **Closing Prayer**

*Ted Loder*

**Sharon** Praise be to you, gracious God,  
for this day, this earth, this life,  
for the weave of miracles blessing us  
and for your quiet power sustaining us.

**Sue** We praise you for times of laughter and tears,  
risk and reconciliation, reflection and healing,  
and for the stubborn presence of your Spirit  
making it all sacred.

**Toni** Praise be to you, awesome God,  
for the holy mysteries  
of our struggling and wondering,  
for our trials and triumphs,  
and all that moves us to awe,  
to love, to pray, to serve,  
since it is your Spirit that moves us so  
and is creating us still;  
through Jesus, our brother. Amen.