

Moment of Quiet: Your journey here... why have you come? ...

recall all the work that went into Rio+20...

the part Mercy and Presentation families and others played in that preparation ... recall some of the Dreams that were woven in the preparation and into Rio Conference too.

Creator God, we lift our hearts with gratitude this morning for our gathering here together, we acknowledge your presence in us and among us and we praise and bless you. In the words of Psalm 95 we pray:

“Let the heavens rejoice and Earth be glad,

Let the sea and all within it thunder praise,

Let the land and all it bears rejoice,

And all the trees of the wood shout for joy, for the presence of the Lord...”

Spirit of Wisdom and Understanding enlighten our minds and open our hearts to unfolding revelations;

Help us to go deeper, to see clearer the actions that need to be taken now;

Give us the capacity to trust our intuition without being clear about the outcomes;

Inspire us to listen and commit ourselves anew to further the well-being of all life... and to act with compassion for vulnerable and hungry;

Keep us mindful of our duty towards future generations who will inherit the consequences of our decisions.

Awaken us to the promptings of each moment and to the recognition that the events of each day, and this day too, are a ‘tabernacle of divine presence’;

Guide us on the way of hope, and help us to pull out from ‘The Future We Want’ (Rio document) what we believe in, and in partnership and co-operation to undertake the work on the ground that matters.

We ask this through the wonder and awe of your Presence within and around us. Amen