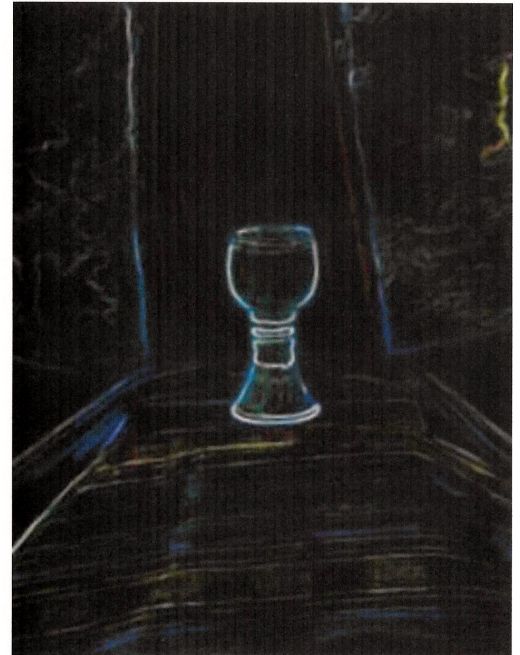


# 2016 Jubilee – Still a Vision

## GATHERING

SEEKERS CHURCH  
A Christian Community  
*In the Tradition of Church of the Saviour*



Jubilee 2016  
There Is Still a Vision

## ENTRANCE

## REFLECTION

One of the most poisonous of all Satan's whispers is simply, "Things will never change." That lie kills expectation, trapping our heart forever in the present. To keep desire alive and flourishing, we must renew our vision for what lies ahead. Things will not always be like this. Jesus has promised to "make all things new." Eye has not seen, ear has not heard all that God has in store...you cannot outdream God.

*John Eldredge, The Sacred Romance: Drawing Closer to the Heart of God*

## CANDLE LIGHTING

## CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader:

and love,

reminded

living, changing body.

Voice 1:

Holy Source of light and life

we gather here to be

that we are parts of your

We come because you call us

into new life.

Voice 2:  
together as we grow.

Leader:  
  
in community  
  
new and different ways.

All:  
  
things new,  
  
within us.

## **OPENING PRAYER**

## **HYMN**

## **WORD FOR THE CHILDREN**

## **SILENCE**

## **PRAYERS**

## **CONFESSION**

Leader:  
believe  
  
like this.

People:  
things as they are  
  
threatening and harsh.

Leader:

We come because we want to be

We come because we've found  
that when we are together  
  
we know your presence in

God of dreams and visions,  
open us to the good news  
that you are making all  
  
around us and among us and

Holy One, sometimes we want to

that things will always be

We can be so comfortable with

that change feels

Sometimes we want to believe

that things cannot change.

People:  
circumstances of our lives,  
  
world  
  
within.

We feel caught in the  
  
bound up in our external  
  
or chained by forces

Leader:  
in the present  
  
as the future.

Our hearts are trapped forever  
  
denying the past as well

All:  
free us from these chains.

Holy One, forgive us and

#### INDIVIDUAL PRAYERS OF CONFESSION

#### ASSURANCE

Leader:  
things new.

Jesus has promised to make all

ears heard

Eyes have not seen nor

that are ours.

the wondrous possibilities

expectation and hope.

We are forgiven and freed

to be people of

People:

Amen.

#### THANKSGIVING AND PRAISE

#### INTERCESSION AND PETITION

## COMMITMENT

All: O Holy One, we come today  
to claim our relationship with you.

We pray for the commitment  
to grow together,  
sharing the gifts you give us with others  
here and in the wider world.

Forgive us for the hurt we  
have inflicted,  
and help us forgive those who have hurt us.

Give us strength and  
discipline  
to nurture our relationship with you;  
to care for every part of your creation;  
to foster justice and be in solidarity with those in need;  
to work to end all war, and violence, and discord;  
and to respond joyfully when you call,  
freely giving our selves as you have shown the way.

We open our hearts to you  
and your creation  
in the name of Jesus, who  
is the Christ. Amen.

## HYMN

## THE WORD

## SCRIPTURE

SERMON

SILENT REFLECTION

**OFFERING**

**COMMUNION**

PREPARATION

Leader 1: This is the table of the Heavenly Feast,  
the joyful celebration of the people of  
God.

Leader 2: We gather now as one body, joined around the  
table.

Here we celebrate God's presence among  
us

united in Christ's spirit, broken and  
whole all at once;

All: Nourished and hungry, loved and loving,  
sinner and forgiven; we make one circle  
of knowing,  
believing, rejoicing, being,  
as God lights and rests among us.

GREAT THANKSGIVING

Leader 1: God of dreams and visions,  
we give you thanks for all that you  
have made,

and all that is beyond our knowing.

People: We give you thanks for Jesus,  
through whose life, death, and  
resurrection

all things are made new.

Leader 2: We give you thanks for your Holy Spirit,  
whose ever-changing movement brings new  
life

even when hope seems lost.

All: We give you thanks for your holy body,  
the Church,

in which we find new vision for the  
days ahead.

## BLESSING THE ELEMENTS

Leader 1: Christ invites everyone to eat the bread of  
life,

to drink the cup of the new covenant.

Leader 2: Jesus said, I am the bread of life.

You who come to me shall never hunger,

You who believe in me shall never  
thirst.

Leader 1: On the night of his arrest, Jesus took bread,  
and after giving thanks to God, broke  
it and said,

This is my body,

broken for the healing of the world.

Whenever you eat it, do so remembering  
me.

Leader 2: After supper, Jesus took the cup and said,  
This is the cup of the new covenant,  
poured out for you and for all.

Whenever you drink it, do so  
remembering me.

All: O Holy One, send down your Spirit  
that these gifts of bread and cup  
may be for us the body and blood of  
Christ.

Unite us with Christ forever  
and bring us with the whole creation  
to your eternal realm.

## SHARE THE ELEMENTS

If you do not wish to receive the elements today you are welcome to join the circle and allow them  
to pass, or remain in your seat. We serve grape juice in our cups.

## PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING AND DEDICATION

All: God of abundance and mercy,  
we give joyful thanks  
for your eternal love and healing

presence  
i n our celebration of bread and cup.  
Bless this body of Christ  
that we may attend faithfully  
to our call to be your servants,  
with each other and throughout the  
world.

All: Amen.

## **SHARED REFLECTIONS**

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

## **HYMN**

## **BENEDICTION**

Leader: With our vision renewed,  
let us go forth with open  
hearts and open minds,  
trusting that the Holy One  
really will make all  
things new.

Dreamer, Jesus the Teacher,  
and the Holy Spirit our  
Guide,  
let us greet one another  
with signs of peace.

All: Amen.