

Centering Prayer

God of long-suffering love,
Is it because you have eternity that you seem so willing to wait while we wander,
and are distracted by the allure of easy answers and promises of painless change?
Your gift of freedom offers us the power to choose.
So maybe you could be less patient with us, because there are moments...
when our awareness sharpens and we must speak the truth
that our time is too short to waste any more.
Break our willingness to dabble in faith,
 to settle for peace that is flimsy,
 to dodge the claims that your kingdom makes on us.
Disrupt all the ways that we fritter ourselves, our time, our relationships, our attention.
Do it harshly, if that is what is needed,
so that our deep longings for life and love and peace and well-being, for all people, do not go
forever unsatisfied.

In the silence of this moment, we see and we speak to you the truth of our lives.

On this day speak again the word you have been speaking to us.
On this day let us listen.
Come now and be the clarity that compels us to turn and face you.
Amen