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## As We Gather

*With gentle touch, make contact with the people around you. Have someone serve as the leader and share the blessing.*

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We are welcomed into God's family and God promises to be there for us. In turn, we welcome each of you as a member of this family and in that welcome we promise to be here for each other.

1 Corinthians 12:12

"For just as the body is one and has many members, all the members of the body, though many, are one body, so it is with Christ."

### **We are many and we are one!!!**

It is with such great joy that we gather again. The love that permeates this place and rests on each of us is a gift. It is through this gift that we honor and value each individual member. The time that we spend together brings a peace that passes all understanding to the body of the family as a whole.

It is through the time spent together that we become energized, and we are humbled by the many blessings we have received.

At this gathering, we have (marriages, new babies, people returning home, etc.) to share these blessings with, and once again, our family's future sprouts like new growth on a tree. This tree has many branches, celebrating our many heritages, all the while being supported by strong roots that keep us grounded, believing that it is only through the one body that we have the gift of family.

**Let us pray: We come together to cherish and support each precious member through thanks and praise, while asking that the one body be surrounded by the gift of grace that only God can provide. Amen**

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