**Journey into Compassion**

**A Study Series**

**Session V**

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**Opening Worship**

Reader 1: Mark 1:14-15

All Say: God’s presence is manifest in the here and now.

Reader 2: Gal 4:4-5

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Reader 3: Col 3:12

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All: There is a time for everything, and a season for every activity under heaven:

- a time to be born and a time to die,
- a time to plant and a time to uproot,
- a time to kill and a time to heal,
- a time to tear down and a time to build,
- a time to weep and a time to laugh,
- a time to mourn and a time to dance,
- a time to scatter stones and a time to gather them,
- a time to embrace and a time to refrain,
- a time to search and a time to give up,
- a time to keep and a time to throw away,
- a time to tear and a time to mend,
- a time to be silent and a time to speak,
- a time to love and a time to hate,
- a time for war and a time for peace.

All say: God’s presence is manifest in the here and now.
Sending Prayer

All: Grant, O God, that your holy and life-giving Spirit may so move every human heart that barriers which divide us may crumble, suspicions disappear, and hatreds cease; that our divisions being healed, we may live in justice and peace; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen (BCP)

Facilitator: Let us offer our concerns and encouragements to each other, as we leave this space to continue our journey...

All:
Lord, make us instruments of your peace.
Where there is hatred, let us sow love;
where there is injury, pardon;
where there is discord, union;
where there is doubt, faith;
where there is despair, hope; where there is darkness, light;
where there is sadness, joy.

Grant that we may not so much seek to be consoled as to console;
to be understood as to understand;
to be loved as to love.

For it is in giving that we receive;
it is pardoning that we are pardoned;
and it is in dying that we are born to eternal life. Amen.

Facilitator: Go in peace to love and serve the Lord with compassion. Let us share the peace as we prepare to continue our journey.

Everyone shares God’s peace.