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**Seekers Church:**

**A Christian Community**

*In the Tradition of the Church of the Saviour*

Pentecost 1999

## Incendiary Grace

### Silent Reflection

*Fire cannot continue to burn unless it penetrates the surrounding combustible material.*

Elton Trueblood, Incendiary Fellowship, pg. 115

### Prelude

### Call To Worship

Leader: Like the disciples, we come to life looking for answers.

Like them, what we find are questions.

And so we ask and ask again for guidance.

Community: Where do we burn?

How do we keep our incendiary passion alive?

How do we ignite it in others?

Leader:                We come together, walking barefoot toward  
flame.

Trusting, we learn to trust each other.

All:                    In community, we stumble over the questions  
and find the answers that keep us walking.

## **Invocation**

## **Hymn**

## **Word for the Children**

## **Silence**

## **Litany**

Leader:                Bright Spirit of God,  
you come among us  
as tongues of flame.

Community: By your light  
we see the shadows  
that threaten to engulf the world.

Leader:                By your light  
we see the paths  
of right intention  
and right action.

Community: By your light  
we are called  
to be light to others.

All:                    Help us to be a shower of sparks  
exploding into the world  
with your penetrating grace and peace.

# Silence

## Prayers

### Common Confession

Leader:            O God, you brought creation  
out of the primordial fire.  
You made us in your image,  
to be keepers of the holy flame.

Voice 1:           Yet far too often we pull back,  
afraid that we will be burned  
beyond recognition.

Voice 2:           Our inner passions for peace and justice –  
the flames of call and ministry,  
sputter and grow dim.

Voice 1:           We carry our wet worries to your altar,  
hoping that they may be dried  
enough to be consumed.

Voice 2:           We settle for the comfort of a candle,  
when you would have us  
build a bonfire in your name.

All:                    Forgive us,  
O God who gave us fiery passion,  
for we hold back and shiver in the cold.

### Individual Prayers of Confession

#### Assurance

Leader:            The God who gives us life  
pours out the Holy Spirit on all who come,  
and gives us strength to fan the flames of Love.

**Prayers of the Community**

**Hymn**

**The Word**

**First Lesson**

**Silence**

**Gospel Lesson**

**Sermon**

**Silent Reflection**

**Offering**

*The first Sunday of each month we switch to a Communion Liturgy here.*

**Shared Reflections**

**Announcements**

**Hymn**

**Benediction**

Leader:            Transforming fire,  
ignite us with your fierce, bold flames  
and light the way to grace. Amen.