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**Seekers Church:**

**A Christian Community**

*In the Tradition of the Church of the Saviour*

**Summer 1998**

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### Silent Reflection

*God smiles when I reach out  
for one more kiss  
because it feels so wonder full.*

*Christ is swimming  
in the drop of water on your cheek.  
Is that a tear?*

*We make Spirit when we dance.  
Do you see it in the air around you?*

*Can eating watermelon  
be communion with the universe?*

*I am created in God's image,  
and my mouth loves buttered corn.*

*Does God's mouth love?*

*Peter Bankson.*

## **Prelude**

## **Call To Worship**

Leader:

Summer gardens are blooming.  
Fruits and vegetables cover our tables  
and delight our senses.

People:

God's abundance is manifest.

Leader:

All of creation is showered with greening refreshment –  
the vitality to bear fruit.

Unison:

Come, worship God.

## **Invocation**

## **Hymn**

## **Silence**

## **Litany of Summer**

Leader:

In summer we find ourselves  
caught up in different rhythms.

People:

We love the longer days,  
and yearn for time to rest and play.

Leader:

And yet our work goes on;  
the needs of others do not go away.

People:

Just when we'd like to rest,  
the time of harvest is upon us,  
and the heat seems like it will never end.

Leader:

Christ is beside us in the sun-baked fields,  
offering the living water he carries for us all.

People:

God gives us summertime,  
and different rhythms, too.

Unison:

God gives, and that is good.

## **Silence**

## **Prayers**

### **Common Confession**

Leader:

In summer we find ourselves  
caught up in different rhythms.

People:

We love vacations for ourselves,  
but sometimes begrudge them for others.  
We do not want the greater responsibilities  
left behind when others go away.

Unison:

We choose the ways we live our lives,  
and yet we're restless with the choices we have made.  
O God of summer richness, forgive our selfish ways.

### **Individual Prayers of Confession**

#### **Assurance**

Leader:

On the seventh day God rested,

and we can do the same:  
God is here to love and re-create us  
for the days to come.

Amen.

## **Prayers of the Community**

## **Hymn**

## **The Word**

## **First Lesson**

## **Silence**

## **Gospel Lesson**

## **Sermon**

## **Silent Reflection**

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

## **Offering**

## **Shared Reflections**

## **Announcements**

## **Hymn**

## **Benediction**

Leader:

Go forth in joy.

Laugh, and share delight.

Be at ease in your struggles, bold in your loving,

joyful in giving, and graceful in your praying.  
Share the fruits of God's delight.

Amen.