Advent 2 — Rooted in Community, Rising in Love

December 6 · Isaiah 40:1–11 · Psalm 85 · 2 Peter 3:8–15a · Mark 1:1–8

Theme: God's grace takes root in the communities that nurture us and the neighbors we serve.

LITANY

Leader: A voice cries out in the wilderness: Prepare the way of the Lord! God comes to meet us where we are, bringing comfort and peace.

All: We are rooted in God's love, and we rise to share it.

Leader: Through congregations and communities, through faithful generations before us, God's love has taken root in our lives.

All: We give thanks for those who have nurtured our faith and shown us the way of Christ.

Leader: The good news does not remain within our walls. God sends us into our neighborhoods, fields, towns, and cities to prepare the way of peace.

All: Root us in your love, O God. Send us to serve our neighbors with compassion and joy. Amen.

DISCUSSION PROMPTS

1. How has a congregation or community helped shape your faith?
2. What is one way our congregation can share God's love beyond our walls?