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and desires our worship [pause]. Redeeming God,

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would share your hope.

All: Oh, that you would reveal your hope to us,

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People: Let your light shine, so that the nations would see

your glory.

Leader: Speak to us, for your words do not pass away.

People: Walk with us, and the peoples tremble.

Leader: Restore us, that we might be saved.

People: Mold us, and we will bend to your will.

All: Rend the heavens and come down,

O Lord of hope.

Confession

Leader: Today in this safe but dark, holy place we become aware of your presence, God. We focus not on our sins as is our habit, but instead on the sins done against us.

People: We have suffered rejection, hurt, and abuse.

People have hurt us in our childhood, at school,
at work, and even in church. These hurts continue
to shape us in unhealthy ways.

Leader: We are crumbling clay that needs to be reformed and rebuilt by you, God, the Potter.

People: Heal our places of shame, Lord.

Leader: To "forgive those who trespass against us," we ask for strength to release our wounds to you, to stop holding on to them

People: Heal us, Lord.

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