## DAILY PRAYER

(for the week of April 17 - 23)

Gracious One,

You have come to us in the fullness of our calamity. While we have constructed and reconstructed barriers and boundaries of isolation and alienation and called them "safety," you have broken every barrier, crossed every boundary, and set your spirit free in our midst, not for safety but for love. You love us persistently, relentlessly, O God. Your love draws us to you and to each other in ways we cannot fully fathom. You are beyond our understanding, and yet you would have us know you and love you. We are mysteries to each other and to ourselves, but you bid us struggle to discern how the life of each of us is the life of all of us. The life of Jesus is the life of the world. Amen.