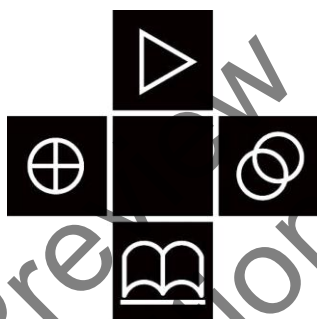


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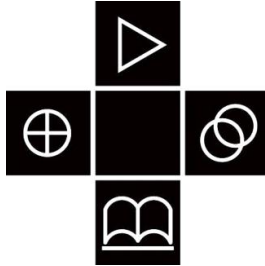
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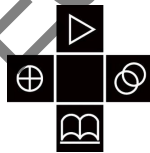
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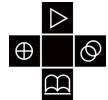
## CALL TO WORSHIP

### *Creating God*

From the More Light Presbyterians Retreat & Mission Weekend  
New Orleans, LA, 2006

- One: Creating God, blessed are You and blessed is this time and place.  
Thank You for Your people gathered here.
- All: We are here! Being the Church! We have not retreated! We are standing in praise!**
- One: Reconciling Redeemer, You are the mender of our souls and the healer of our broken bodies. You lift us up, strengthen and sustain, nurture and nourish, heal and help.
- All: Holy Fire, ignite a new spark in the heart of each one gathered here.**
- One: Light our way. Warm our bodies. Inspire our tongues to speak a new word, to shout another praise, and to sing an amazing song that will bring to us life and to You glory!

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### *God Has Shown Us What is Good*

From St. Andrews Presbyterian Church, Oklahoma City, OK  
More Light Sunday, 2005

- One: God has shown us what is good, and what then is required of us?
- All: To act justly, love mercy, and walk humbly with our God.**
- One: Jesus says: Anyone who welcomes you welcomes me, and anyone who welcomes me welcomes the One who sent me.
- All: The Spirit says, "Come." Let each one who hears the Spirit say, "Come," for all are welcome here.**
- One: Let us worship God!