

## **Call to Worship**

One: As we prepare our hearts and minds for worship,  
I invite you to plant your feet on the ground.

Notice how it and the earth uphold us.

**All: The earth nourishes us.**

**The land anchors us.**

One: The One who creates the land, the One who created us,  
calls us to hear its stories, both ancient and present.

**All: That Sacred One reminds us**

**we are far from home**

**in the ways we uphold identity, place, relationships.**

One: Come and find your way back home, we find our way home listening to the  
stories of what moves within the bones of those beside us.

**All: We know the way home.**

**God promises we can move the mountains that separate us from home.**

-Rev. Brett Pinder for NEXT Church's National Gathering 2024