

## **Benediction for February 19th, 2017**

Here in this place, there are  
no foreigners and no strangers.  
No outcasts and none rejected.  
For God has brought you near.

So as we depart, may our lives remain open.  
Seeing God in all and everywhere.  
Let there be no division,  
as we are guided toward community and love.

May the Spirit comfort, disquiet, and inspire us  
To speak boldly of His goodness  
To trust in His provision.  
To make space for others to see and to know.

We once were strangers,  
And now we're family.

Go forth, people of God  
To love and serve in the name of Christ.  
Brick by brick.