Responsive Reading for Laity Sunday 2017: Therefore, Go! With HOPE Through Hospitality

Adapted from 1 Timothy 4:9, Romans 10:15, Romans 15:7, Philippians 2:5-7, Romans 12:9-11, Romans 15:13 (CEB)

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Pastor: Our hope is set on the living God, who is the savior of all people, especially those who believe. But how can anyone have faith in someone they haven't heard of?

Laity: How beautiful are the feet of those who announce the Good News.

Pastor: Welcome each other, in the same way that Christ welcomed us, for God's glory.

Laity: In doing so, we adopt the attitude that was in Christ Jesus: Though he was in the form of God, he did not consider being equal with God something to exploit. But he emptied himself.

Pastor: Love should be shown without pretending. We will love each other like the members of our own family, showing honor to each other.

Laity: We won't hesitate to be enthusiastic in our hospitality, on fire in the Spirit as we serve the Lord!

All: May the God of hope fill us with all joy and peace in faith so that we overflow with hope into the world around us by the power of the Holy Spirit.