Creator God, long ago you declared, “Behold! I am doing a new thing,” and we hear your words calling to us today. In the wilderness, may we behold your presence–your goodness, your kindness, and your love with us. Awaken our imagination to perceive your hand at work, for you are a doing God. And in this sacred space, we trust that you are forming us.

May we behold your gracious hand in our communities. Help us perceive the ways that our neighbors are working together for shalom for all. Show us those seeds that are sprouting all around us and in us, and how you are calling us to be an oasis together. Fill us with a holy imagination for a flourishing community marked by your grace, your justice, and your powerful presence.

As we go from this place, may CCDA be those who behold and abide in Jesus, resting in your love and grace. May we perceive your goodness in ourselves, our neighbors, and all of creation. And may CCDA be those who set a table in the wilderness, and welcome all to come and enjoy.

God, you are doing a new thing in us, in our neighbors, and in our communities. Help us to perceive it, partner with you and our neighbors in it, and rest as you lead, trusting in you wholeheartedly.

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