# Prayer for Times of Change: We Are at a Doorway

*The following might be used to offer thanks as presbyteries and Conferences come to an end or for other times of change, as well as for Reign of Christ Sunday.*

We are at a doorway that leads into a new way of being church.
At this doorway
we are not alone:

God has invited us to gather courage from the great cloud of witnesses before us,
**as we remember what was…**(*Have a moment of silence to reflect on your past as a community with the wider church. Who has been with you? What are the key moments in your history with various courts of the church? This time could be augmented with a slideshow or appropriate music.*)

Christ has challenged us to accept his radical call to discipleship,
**as we acknowledge what is…**(*Have a moment of silence to reflect on your current relationship with the wider church and how together you live out or into your calling. This time could be augmented with a slideshow or appropriate music.*)

The Spirit has led us to be Christ’s Church,
**as we imagine what will be…**(*Have a moment of silence to reflect on what you hope your future relationship with the wider church will be like. This time could be augmented with a slideshow or appropriate music.*)

At this doorway:

We take courage in the assurance that God is with us;
we affirm our call to go where Christ leads; and
we trust the Spirit to guide us through the challenging space between what was, what is, and what will be.

Surely, we are not alone.
**Thanks be to God.**

## Sending Forth

As we greet each new doorway,
let us give all thanks and glory to God,
**whose power working in us
can do infinitely more than we can ask or imagine.**Glory to God from generation to generation,in the church, and through the Spirit,
now and forever,
Amen.

## Reign of Christ Sparks: A Reflection on Change (November 25)

Possible object lesson: Have various fall leaves or pinecones on hand.

* How does the fall season teach us about the painful work of letting go while trusting that spring will return?
* How can falling leaves and pinecones illustrate this?
* What does it mean to have Christ as our leader?
* How does Christ’s leadership change and transform the work we do?
* How did it change the lives of early followers of Jesus?
* What does it mean to be working toward the kin-dom of God?