



—What is your own story of being a member of this community? How did that begin? Why do you continue?

—How are you most fully who you are at Church of the Master? What about Church of the Master encourages you to be fully yourself?

—What circle(s) are you a part of at Church of the Master? Why is that important to you?

—In John 15:15, Jesus tells the disciples he has “called them as friends” and made known to them everything he heard from the Father. How has Church of the Master helped you hear that call?

—What hopes and dreams do you have for the future of Church of the Master as a welcoming, inclusive community where all belong?

Contributions can reference scripture, hymns, or other writing and experiences that are meaningful to you.

We plan to provide this booklet in print and on the church website on Sunday, September 27, 2026 at the 175th anniversary celebration worship

Contributions due by Friday, May 8, 2026.

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When possible, please submit text contributions in Microsoft Word format. Please do not submit as PDFs. Citations should be used to reference others' work. Artwork can be submitted as originals or digital formats.

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Brené Brown, *Braving the Wilderness: The Quest for True Belonging and the Courage to Stand Alone*. (2017). Random House: New York.

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