

# Gathering – Choose Life

Leader: Loving God, you call to us, to choose life and not death,

**People: to love you and follow your paths.**

Leader: Yet sometimes these ways look dangerous.

**People: We are tempted to turn aside,  
and to choose the shortcut, the easy way.**

Leader: Help us to learn your ways, to dig deep roots of faith  
as we trust your love and care.

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