Can you find another stone The fourth stone we hold to remember our faith and the gift of hope which the Christmas story offers to us.

We remember that God, who shares our life, promises us a place and time of no more pain and suffering.



Where do you see hope around you?

Place your stones down, or create a pile with them. Feel the earth as you place them.

Notice each one as you lay it down.

Leave your stones.

Come, God-with-us: who braves our rejection and hurt, who holds us in acceptance and love.

Come God-for-us: who whispers in our ears that each of us are beloved children.

Come God-under-us: who cradles us in arms that never grow weary; whose lap has room for all.

Come, God-over-us: who watches in the long silence of the night, that we might rest in peace.

Come, God-beside-us: who steadies us when we falter, who lifts us up when we fall.

Come, God-behind-us: who picks up all the faded dreams we drop along the way, and patchworks them into hope.

Come, God-with-us, Emmanuel,

let your light shine in our darkness. Amen.

