**LITANY OF RELEASE**

**September 29, 2019**

PASTOR

I thank you, Prairie Street Mennonite Church,

For the love and support you have shown me

 while I have ministered and moved among you.

I am grateful for the ways my leadership has been accepted.

I ask forgiveness for the mistakes I have made.

As I leave, I carry with me all that I have learned here.

**CHURCH**

**We receive your thankfulness, offer forgiveness,**

 **and release you as our pastor to where God will call you next.**

**We express our gratitude for your time among us.**

**We ask your forgiveness for our mistakes.**

**Your influence on our lives, our faith and faithfulness,**

**will not leave with your departure.**

PASTOR

I accept your gratitude and forgiveness, and I forgive (release) you,

trusting that both our time together and our parting are blessed by God.

I release you from turning to me and depending on me.

I offer my blessing for your continuing life of faith here and pray for you

as you discern the way forward serving and loving this community.

*LEADER*

*God we ask you to bless the work of Jesus that Frances and Prairie Street*

*have done together in these past years.*

*And we ask that both Frances and Prairie Street might continue that work,*

*“Joyfully following Jesus in a spirit of celebration, hospitality and caring,”*

*Let us pray:*

***ALL: Eternal God, your steadfast love for us
        is from everlasting to everlasting.
We thank you for cherished memories.
We commend one another into your care
        as we move in new directions.
May the love of Christ surround us.
May the light of Christ show us the way.
May the peace of Christ be with us
        on this day and always.
Through Jesus Christ our Lord.  AMEN.***