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Our Calling, Our Vision

עלינו לשבח לאדון הכל,
לתת גְדֻלָּה לְיוֹצֵר בְּרֵאשִׁית,
שֶׁלֹּא עֲשָׂנוּ כְּגוֹיֵי הָאָרְצוֹת, וְלֹא שָׁמְנוּ כְּמִשְׁפָּחוֹת הָאֲדָמָה,
שֶׁלֹּא שָׁם חִלְקֵנוּ כְּהֵם, וְגִרְלָנוּ כְּכֹל הַמוֹנִם
וְאַנְחָנוּ כְּזֵרְעִים וּמִשְׁתַּחֲוִים וּמוֹדִים,
לְפָנֵי מֶלֶךְ, מַלְכֵי הַמְּלָכִים, הַקְּדוֹשׁ בְּרוּךְ הוּא.

It falls upon us, the Jewish people, to praise the Creator of all
And to give glory to the Maker of heaven and earth.
For God did not make us like the other peoples,
But set us apart from the other families of the earth.
God has given us a different history
And will give us a different future.
So we bend our knees and bow,
And give thanks
Before the Majesty of Majesties, the Holy One of Blessing.

This palace
--blue curtain of sky, rock foundation of earth--
conceals and reveals the Presence of God.
All is God; there is nothing else.
As it is written:

“Make yourself aware; awaken your heart to this:
God fills the heaven and earth.
There is nothing else.” (Deuteronomy 4:39)

*You are our hope for a better world,
in which the false gods that divide us will disappear
and the human family will abandon our old hatreds and fears.*

L'taken olam, to heal this fractured world,
we need vision and hope.

*We still hold fast to the ancient prophecy:
A time will come of a world at peace.
On that day, there shall be one God,
and the Name of God shall be: “One.”*

(Zechariah 14:9)

וְנֹאמֶר, וְהָיָה יְיָ לְמֶלֶךְ עַל כָּל הָאָרֶץ,
בַּיּוֹם הַהוּא יְהִיָּה יְיָ אֶחָד, וְשִׁמוֹ אֶחָד: