As the Episcopal branch of the Jesus Movement, we follow the Way of Jesus. His way is the Way of Love, and that love has the power to change lives and change the world.

Do you seek a life centered on Jesus? Do you seek to explore and live his Way of Love? How will you or your church, ministry, or network commit to following the Way of Jesus? How could you join or gather a community for practicing Jesus-centered life?

Get inspired online by viewing the comprehensive set of resources gathered from across the church. Develop your own resources, campaigns, and pathways for living The Way of Love — as individuals, ministry groups, congregations, dioceses, and networks. Take part in the church-wide movement. Share your stories and resources.

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I pray that you, being rooted and established in love, may have power, together with all the Lord’s holy people, to grasp how wide and long and high and deep is the love of Christ, and to know this love that surpasses knowledge—that you may be filled to the measure of all the fullness of God.

— Ephesians 3:17-19

In the first century Jesus of Nazareth inspired a movement. A community of people whose lives were centered on Jesus Christ and committed to living the way of God’s unconditional, unselfish, sacrificial, and redemptive love. Before they were called “church” or “Christian,” this Jesus Movement was simply called “the way.” Today we believe our vocation is to be in the Episcopal branch of the Jesus Movement. But how can we together grow more deeply with Jesus Christ at the center of our lives, so we can bear witness to his way of love in and for the world? The deep roots of our Christian tradition may offer just such a path. For centuries, monastic communities have shaped their lives around rhythms and disciplines for following Jesus together. Such a pattern is known as a “Rule of Life.” The framework you now hold — The Way of Love: Practices for Jesus-Centered Life — outlines a Rule for the Episcopal branch of the Jesus Movement.

It is designed to be spare and spacious, so that individuals, ministry groups, congregations, and networks can flesh it out in unique ways and build a church-wide treasure trove of stories and resources. There is no specific order you need to follow if you already keep a Rule or spiritual disciplines, you might reflect and discover how that path intersects with this one. By entering into reflection, discernment, and commitment around the practices of Turn — Learn — Pray — Worship — Bless — Go — Rest, I pray we will grow as communities following the loving, liberating, life-giving way of Jesus. His way has the power to change each of our lives and to change the world.

Your brother in the Way of Jesus,

The Most Reverend Michael B. Curry, Primate and Presiding Bishop of the Episcopal Church

An Invitation from Presiding Bishop Michael B. Curry to Practice the Way of Love
WHAT DO YOU SEEK? 
Early one summer morning, Jesus was surrounded by people. He turned and asked, “What do you seek?” (John 1:35).

For more than a thousand years, monastics have greeted pilgrims knocking on their doors by asking: “What do you seek?”

EARLY IN HIS MINISTRY, JESUS OF NAZARETH WAS SURROUNDED BY CROWDS. HE TURNED AND ASKED, “WHAT DO YOU SEEK?” (JOHN 1:38).

Then come and follow... 
...and change the world.

The way of Jesus is the Way of Love, and that way has the power to change lives.

WE SEEK JESUS

God and lived for others.

Overflowing with joy, peace, generosity, and delight. Where there is enough for all because we all share with abandon.

WE SEEK ABUNDANT LIFE

From living as God created us to be: dignified, whole, and free.

WE SEEK FREEDOM

To know God’s love, to love and be loved by others, and to love ourselves.

WE SEEK LOVE

And God's activity in everyday life.

OPEN our minds and hearts to Scripture, we learn to see God's story in the story of Jesus, we draw near to God and God's word dwells in us. When we pause, listen, and choose to follow Jesus – Mark 2:14

Dwell intentionally with God each day

Pause, listen, and choose to follow Jesus again, again, and again.

TURN

Pray, listen, and choose to follow Jesus.

As Jesus was walking along, he saw Levi son of Alphaeus sitting at the tax booth, and he said to him, “Follow me.” And he got up and followed him.

– Matthew 9:9 –

WORSHIP

Gather in community weekly to thank, praise, and offer the brokenness of the world to God.

As we break bread, our eyes are opened to the presence of Christ. By the bold offering our thanksgivings and concerns to God – 1 Corinthians 10:15

BLESS

Share faith and unselfishly give and serve.

Freely you have received; freely give.

Jesus called his disciples to give, forgive, touch, and heal in his name. We are empowered by the Spirit to share them, practicing generosity and compassion, and proclaiming the Good News of God in Christ, with hopeful voices and steady footsteps.

We can share our blessings of blessing and invite others to the Way of Love.

GO

Cross boundaries, listen deeply and live like Jesus.

Jesus saw Thomas and other faith in Jesus. He went up and followed him. – John 1:44 –

Now we are invited to live the Way of Love as a people reconciled in love with God and one another.

We go to become Beloved Community, a people reconciled in love with God and one another.

We go to listen with humility and to join God in healing a hurting world.

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We go to witness to the love, justice, and truth of God with our lips and with our lives.

We go to the highways and byways, he sends us beyond our circles and comfort, we welcome to the table, tending the hurts in our lives.

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