

## 2013 Worship Resources ❖ from Bethany Seminary

### Responsive Call to Worship:

L: Do you not perceive it? GOD is doing a new thing!

P: It springs forth, making a way in the wilderness, and rivers in the desert.

L: In our work and in our fellowship,

P: God is doing a new thing.

L: In our prayer and in our silence,

P: God is doing a new thing.

L: In our study in our learning,

P: God is doing a new thing.

L: May we perceive the spirit of God in the newness all around us,

ALL: And may this new life spring forth in our own hearts and lives.

Recommended Hymn: 🎵 “New Earth, Heavens New” #299 in *Hymnal, A Worship Book*

### Invocation Prayer:

God, we know that you are doing a new thing. Help us perceive your spirit at work all around. Breathe freshness into all of our words and actions of worship. Give us new hearts open to your love displayed through Jesus Christ as we share together this new day in worship of you.

### Invitation to Give:

As we greet each new beginning, let us perceive the many ways that God’s spirit is at work in each new thing springing forth, in the ministry of recent graduates prepared to listen to and lead in the Holy Spirit, in the travels and classroom experiences of students eager to soak up wisdom, and in the ongoing newness of reconciliation for the church and the world. May our generosity enthusiastically match this springing spirit as we sustain the work of God’s hands and feet on earth.

### Scripture: Isaiah 43:18-19 (NRSV)

“Do not remember the former things, or consider the things of old. I am about to do a new thing; now it springs forth, do you not perceive it? I will make a way in the wilderness and rivers in the desert.”