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RESPONSIVE READING
MIRA AND SASHA ZIVANOV

BASED ON HEBREWS 13:2

Leader reads the light print

Congregation reads the bold print

All read the italicized print

Lord, you have told us not to neglect showing hospitality to strangers; for by doing this, some have entertained angels without knowing it.

But there are times when we have neglected the strangers among us.

Forgive us Lord, for the times when, instead of showing hospitality, we have turned our backs. Help us cultivate beloved community by providing for the needs of others.

Show us how we can help, O Lord.

Lord, we are grateful for people like Sasha and Mira Zivanov who show us what hospitality looks like. Give them strength and courage as they serve immigrants and refugees in St. Louis.

Show us how we can partner with them, O Lord.

For the ways that the Zivanovs serve, we are grateful. They cultivate beloved community by offering food; they bear witness to You through friendship; and they look for ways to change the lives of the people with whom they work.

Open our eyes to the ways that we, too, can cultivate beloved community.

Help us to see the stranger in our midst not as other, but as a beloved child of Yours. Help us to bear witness to You through friendship.

May we no longer turn our backs, but instead offer a hand of friendship.

May we look for ways to transform the lives of immigrants and refugees in our community; may we help them find safe places to live and food to eat; may we be witness-bearers of Your love.

Amen.

