

Thursday afternoon

**Leader:** In Her invitation to dance, Sophia often takes us to wild places, filled with uncertainty,  
making us nervous. Sophia, make us brave!

Let us listen with wide eyes, looking for possibilities and new growth! Help us to dance!

**Prayer Readers:**

*Taking Risks*

Divine Challenger,  
when did I stop risking?  
When did I lose my edge  
for adventure and surprise?  
When did I start pretending  
that what I now know  
is all there is to know?  
When did I give in to fear  
and bow to security?

When did I let uncertainty  
press against my free spirit?  
When did I start moving  
toward the easy, sure thing?  
When did I give away  
my ability to be disturbed?  
When did I start refusing  
to pay the price  
for fuller depth and joy?  
When did I let panic  
of the unknown future  
wrap its barbed wire fingers  
around my desire to grow?

Inner Source of Courage,  
nudge me toward my growth.  
Urge me away from my strongholds.  
Convince me of my potential  
to leap beyond the barriers.