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Welcome to MomenToUs! I am Pastor Rebecca Grate, the Pastor Mission Developer for MomenToUs and the host for our weekly podcast.

At MomenToUs, we believe that God is present with us in each and every single one of our moments.

We believe that our stories are connected to God's story and to one another's stories.

We believe that this connection and relationship changes our lives and our entire world.

Before we begin, I invite you to take a deep breath in, hold it while you count to three, and then slowly release that breath.

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I invite you to take a few deep breaths in to help center yourself for prayer.

A Prayer for Discerning Action

God, who gave your people laws, precepts, commandments, and ordinances to follow as they learned how to live together,

Everything about people living together is political,

And so much of the guidance and commandments you have given to your people calls us to look to where there are systems of injustice set up and calls us to care for those who are harmed by those systems.

Continue to call us to notice and serve those who are harmfully impacted by the ways we run the world.

Guide our actions and decisions to align with your ways of mercy and justice.

Help us discern how to faithfully live together, showing the world that a life of following in the footsteps of Jesus means loving, caring for, and serving our neighbors across the world.

Amen.

Thank you for joining us for our weekly MomenToUs. We are looking forward to growing with each of you and are so grateful you are a part of the MomenToUs community.

In our next podcast, the burning question we're going to be addressing is: Why are there so many types of Christians? Join us as we learn more about our siblings from other major Christian denominations, a little about some of the disagreements that led to their founding, and a few resources we can go to to learn even more about them.

Thank you to our Mission Partners, the Southern Ohio Synod and the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America. Their financial contributions and prayer have been instrumental in bringing this new ministry into existence.

I want to remind you all about our next gatherings! We have two opportunities to connect during the month of November:

On Sunday, November 5, 2023 (one week from when this podcast episode drops) we are going to meet at 10 AM for Brewed Theology at Java Central in Uptown Westerville. There won't be a set agenda for the day, but we'll gather to talk about whatever is weighing on us that particular day, generally talking about something related to the Bible, religion, faith, current events, or how all of those are intertwined together.

The second gathering will be for Bedtime BS (Bible Study) on Sunday, November 19, 2023 from 7-8 PM. For this gathering, we will be meeting via Zoom so that those who have littles at home that cannot be left alone after they have gone to bed can join us.

If you're definitely planning to attend or even just thinking about attending, we are asking for you to RSVP so that we know how many tables to pull together at Java Central and to give the staff there a heads up on our group size so that they are prepared and can help us secure the proper space. And, we're asking for RSVPs for Bedtime BS so that you can receive the Zoom link via email ahead of our meeting time. There is [a link](#) to the RSVP in the transcript for this episode and it will be shared on our social media pages later this week, in the posts themselves and in our stories on Facebook and Instagram.

Anyone is able to attend these gatherings, no matter how often you have attended a Christian church or how long it has been since you have last attended. You do not need to have the basics of the Christian faith down; we are gathering to learn and grow in our faith together.

We can't wait to see you all at these events!

If you would like to support the ministry of MomenToUs, attending our in-person events and inviting others is one way to do so. Engaging

with us online is another. If you are able to give financially, you can visit our website and find more information about how to donate electronically or by mailing checks to our Synod P.O. Box. Each one-time or recurring gift combines together to ensure the MomenToUs Community continues to grow.

Until our next podcast, remember to breathe deeply and to remember that God is present with you every single moment.

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