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**Discussion Guide**  
**for**  
***The Church Cracked Open:***  
***Disruption, Decline, and New Hope for Beloved Community***

**June 15, 7 pm**  
**Grace**  
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**Parish Hall and Zoom A**

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