GATHERING IN THE SPIRIT

Music for Meditation

Gathering Song
Come and fill our hearts with your love,
You the Source of Life are holy,
Come and fill our hearts with your love, alleluia!
-words: Taize community, rev.; music: Jacques Berthier

Welcome

Lighting the Christ Candle

Christ circle round us
Christ may your light surround us.
Shine in our living
Fill our hearts with great thanksgiving
-words and music: Dan Schutte

Opening Prayer
As the light of dawn awakens earth's creatures
and stirs into song the birds of the morning,
so may we be brought to life this day.
Rising to see the light, to feel the wind
to smell the fragrance of what grows from the ground
and delight in the vast array of colour,
so may our inner senses be awakened to you,
so may our inner senses be awakened to you O God.
-J. Philip Newell, adapted; from Celtic Benediction

Hymn VU 374 Come and Find the Quiet Center

Sharing the Peace of Christ

SHARING THE GOOD NEWS

Opening to the Word
Don't be afraid. My love is stronger,
my love is stronger than your fear.
Don't be afraid. My love is stronger
and I have promised, promised to be always near.
MV 90 words: John Bell & Graham Maule, music: John Bell

Scripture reading: Acts 9: 32-4
Reflection

RESPONDING WITH OUR WHOLE HEARTS

Hymn VU 575 When Pain of the World Surrounds Us

Prayers of the People

Offering our Gifts
Take O take me as I am,
summon out what I shall be
Set your seal upon my heart and live in me.
-MV85 -words: Graham Maule, John Bell; music: John Bell

GOING OUT TO SERVE

Hymn MV 28 Fresh as the Morning

Commissioning and Blessing

Response -
Behold, behold, I make all things new
beginning with you, and starting from today.
Behold, behold, I make all things new,
my promise is true, for I am Christ the way.
MV 115 music & words: John Bell

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