GATHERING IN THE SPIRIT

Music for Meditation

Gathering Song

Be still and know, that I am God.
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-MV 77 words: Psalm 46:1, music: John Bell

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

Whether by some stirring of your Spirit
or some habit of our heart ~
Maybe it's our hunger for hope
or some agony inside --
whatever it is t brings us to this house of prayer today
we pray that your liberating presence meet us
right here.
Center us … be our center, our still-point
amidst our unrest.
We pray in the name of the one through whom
all things hold together … Jesus the Christ. Amen

Hymn MV 106 I Am the Dream

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 1: 1-11
Reader:

Reflection

RESPONDING WITH OUR WHOLE HEARTS

Hymn MV 84 In You There is a Refuge

Offering our Gifts (offering plates are available at the exits)

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

Communion Celebration

Prayer of Great Thanksgiving (see insert)

Communion Songs:

Table of Plenty (see back page)

Come and fill our hearts with your love,
You the Source of Life are holy.
Come and fill our hearts with your love. Alleluia!
-MV 16 words:Taize Community, rev; music: Jacques Berthier

GOING OUT TO SERVE

Hymn Teach Me Lord to Wait

They that wait upon the Lord
shall renew their strength
They shall mount up with wings as eagles;
They shall run and not be weary;
they shall walk and not faint;
Teach me Lord, teach me Lord to wait.
-words: Isaiah 40:31; music: Stuart Hamblen

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

Table of Plenty

refrain: **Come to the feast of heaven and earth**
Come to the table of plenty
God will provide for all that we need
Here at the table of plenty

O come and sit at my table,
Where saints and sinners are friends
I wait to welcome the lost and lonely
To share the cup of my love.

refrain

O come and eat without money
Come to drink without price
My feast of gladness will feed your spirit
With faith and fullness of life

refrain

My bread will ever sustain you
Through days of sorrow and war
My wine will flow like a sea of gladness
To flood the depths of your soul

Refrain

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