## GATHERING IN THE SPIRIT

Music for gathering

Gathering Song

**Joy comes with the dawn, joy comes with the morning sun;**
**Joy springs from the tomb**
**and scatters the night with her song,**
**Joy comes with the dawn.**

**Sorrow will turn, sorrow will turn into song**
**and God's laughter makes us strong.**

**Joy comes with the dawn …**
-VU 166 words and music: Gordon Light

Welcome

Territorial Acknowledgement

**We acknowledge that we are occupying unceded land**
**of the Coast Salish, Lekwungen speaking people**
**who have been sustained in body, mind and spirit**
**through their relationship with this land for thousands of years.**
**I am grateful to be part of a congregation that is hearing**
**the call to continue learning of our colonial history**
**and the on-going impacts of our privilege,**
**and taking up the challenging and healing work**
**toward reconciliation.**

Lighting the Christ Candle

Opening Prayer

**O Holy Mystery,**
**who enables, and enfolds and enlivens all life,**
**You bring us to life**
**You call us to freedom**
**You move between us with love.**
**We offer ourselves this day**
**that we may taste and see the joy you intend for us**
**that we may be well,**
**and part of the world's healing this day.**
**Amen**

**Hymn MV 84 In Your There Is A Refuge**

**Sharing the Peace of Christ**

## SHARING THE GOOD NEWS

Scripture reading: Luke 15: 1-10

**Response: Alleluia!**

Reflection

## RESPONDING WITH OUR WHOLE HEARTS

**Hymn VU 23 Joy Shall Come**

Prayers of the People

**response: Spirit of life, rest on your people.**
**Waken your song deep in our hearts.**

Lord's Prayer -Edgemont Paraphrase

**Creator of a loving home, Heavenly and Holy.**
**Help us build the world that you imagine.**
**May the things we desire gladden your heart**
**and close the space between.**
**We look to you for the things we need for today.**
**Lift us when we fall that we may lift each other.**
**Lead us on paths lit with love and gentle mercy.**
**For with you, all things are possible,**
**through you all things come together**
**and every child of God will sing Amen! Amen! Amen!**

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

**Take, O take me as I am. Summon out what I shall be.**
**Set you seal upon my heart and live in me.**
-MV85 words: Graham Maule, John Bell; music: John Bell

## GOING OUT TO SERVE

**Hymn  VU333 Love Divine**

Commissioning and Blessing
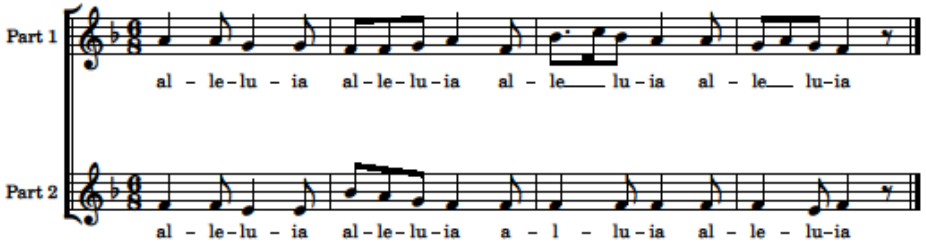
Response –

**A light is gleaming, spreading its arms throughout the night**
**Living in the light.  Come share its gladness,**
**God's radiant love is burning bright, living in the light.**

**So let us live in the brightness God has given,**
**And let us rise to see the dawn.  We trust that God is here asparkle and ablaze, warming all our days.**

**A light is gleaming …**

Alleluia




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*on the journey inward*
*and the journey outward*

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