GATHERING IN THE SPIRIT

Music for Meditation

Fragments of Perfection - Rick Bockner
chorus:
And all of us and everything are given life's confection
To sweeten this imperfect world.
Our fragment of perfection

Welcome

Territorial Acknowledgement

We acknowledge that we are occupying unceded land
of the Strait Salish, lək^{w}əŋən 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

Light of Christ, shine in me,
show me all that's good and fair.
Light of Christ, be in my heart,
I know you'll always be there.
-- Gordon Miller (2014)

Opening Prayer

Awaken us this day to the dawning of your love upon us,
to the touch and flow of your Love
inhabiting our being
from the beginning
forever and always.
Let us glimpse your delight in us
your pleasure in every living soul
that we may be set free by love, O God,
that we may be set free to love.
Amen

Hymn VU 87 I AM the Light of the World

Sharing the Peace of Christ

Baptism – We welcome **Luka Luciano Michael Lorenzo** (son of Samantha Lefebvre and Sergio Lorenzo) into the world-wide Christian community

God welcomes all, strangers and friends.
God's love is strong and it never ends.
-words: John Bell; South African song

SHARING THE GOOD NEWS

Scripture: Matthew 3: 1-3, 5-17

Reflection

RESPONDING WITH OUR WHOLE HEARTS

Offering Ourselves with our Gifts

I am Light
-words and music: Indi Arie

Prayers of the People

Lord's prayer

Our Father/ Mother in heaven, hallowed by your name,
your kingdom come, your will be done on earth
as in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread.
Forgive us our trespasses
as we forgive those who trespass against us.
Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil,
for the kingdom , the power and the glory are yours,
now and forever. Amen

GOING OUT TO SERVE

Hymn MV 161 I Have Called You By Your Name

Commissioning and Blessing

Response

|: We are marching in the light of God,
We are marching in the light of God, :|

|: We are marching, marching,
We are marching, (ooh ooh)
We are marching in the light of God (light of God) :|

|: Siyahamb' ekukhanyen' kwenkhos',
Siyahamb' ekukhanyen' kwenkhos', :|

|: Siyahamba, hamba, Siyahamba, hamba, (ooh ooh)
Siyahamb' ekukhanyen' kwenkhos', :|

|: We are marching in the light of God,
We are marching in the light of God, :|

|: We are marching, marching,
We are marching, (ooh ooh)
We are marching in the light of God (light of God) :|

-VU 646 We Are Marching / Siyahamba

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Following in the way of Jesus
on the journey inward
and the journey outward

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