GATHERING IN THE SPIRIT

Music for Meditation

Welcome

Territorial Acknowledgement

We acknowledge that we are occupying unceded land of the Strait Salish, ləkʷəŋən 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

♫ ♪ **Holy light, still burning bright,**
presence of God that frees us,
Lift the shadows from our soul,
shine through our life Christ Jesus.

Holy fire, our heart's desire, dance of our life, pursue us.
Mend our frozen broken hearts, Spirit of God renew us.
-words and music: Jim Strathdee

Opening Prayer (from the "Corrymeela Community)

O Holy One, we begin our day honouring this life,
with all its potentials and possibilities.
We begin our day with trust,
knowing we are created for loving encounter.
We begin our day with hope knowing the day can hold love, kindness, forgiveness and justice.
We make room for the unexpected
where we may find wisdom and life.
Help us embrace possibility,
respond graciously to disappointment
and hold tenderly those we encounter.
Help us to be fully present to this day. Amen

Hymn VU 227 For the Fruit of All Creation

Sharing the Peace of Christ

SHARING THE GOOD NEWS

Opening to the Word

♪♫ **Open our hearts, open our minds,**
open our lives to you O loving God.
Open our hearts ...
-MV 21 words and music: Jim Strathdee

Scripture: I Corinthians 3: 1-9

Reflection: André Fontaine

RESPONDING WITH OUR WHOLE HEARTS

Hymn MV 79 Open My Heart

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

Offering Ourselves with our Gifts

Minute for Ministries *Healing Pathway* ~ Carol Garceau

Take O take me as I am, summon out what I shall be.
Set your seal upon my heart and live in me.
- MV 85 words: John Bell, Graham Maule; music: John Bell

GOING OUT TO SERVE

Hymn MV 138 My Love Colours Outside the Lines

Commissioning and Blessing

Response

♫ ♪ **Walk with me, I will walk with you,**
and build the land that God has planned
where love shines through.

- VU 649 words and music: John Rice

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on the journey inward
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