GATHERING IN THE SPIRIT

Music for Meditation

Gathering song Gather Us In

Here in this place, new light is streaming,
now is the darkness vanished away.
See in this space our fears and our dreamings
brought here to you in the light of this day.

Gather us in the lost and forsaken,
gather us in the blind and the lame.
Call to us now, and we shall awaken,
we shall arise at the sound of our name.

Here we will take the wine and the water,
here we will take the bread of new birth
here you shall call your loved ones, your dear ones,
call us anew to be salt for the earth.

Give us to drink the wine of compassion,
give us to eat the bread that is you,
Nourish us well and teach us to fashion
lives that are holy and hearts that are true.
-words and music: Marty Haugen

Welcome

Territorial Acknowledgement

We acknowledge that we are occupying unceded land
of the Strait Salish, lək̓ʷəŋən 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 Mystery beyond naming, yet close as breath,
you meet us where we are, whatever our circumstance.
Grant us to trust you are with us
in the tangle of our days,
in the grip that holds us in the struggle.
Grant us to trust that your love that will not let us go
is forever and always re-working our lives for blessing.
In Christ we pray. Amen

Hymn [see back page]

Sharing the Peace of Christ

SHARING THE GOOD NEWS

Scripture: John 4: 1- 42

Reflection ~ Janice John-Mitchell

RESPONDING WITH OUR WHOLE HEARTS

Return to God with all your heart,
the source of grace and mercy;
come seek the tender faithfulness of God –Bernadette Farrell

Offering Ourselves with our Gifts

Your will be done, be done on earth [3x]
Your will be done on earth [2x]
-MV 151 words and music: traditional song, South Africa

Great Thanksgiving [see insert]

Communion songs**:**

Let us be bread, blessed by the Lord,
broken and shared, life for the world.
Let us be wine, love freely poured.
Let us be one in the Lord -words & music: Thomas Porter

Bread of life, hope of the world,
Jesus Christ our brother, feed us now, give us life
Lead us to one another.
- words and music: Bernadette Farrell

GOING OUT TO SERVE

Hymn MV 169 When Hands Reach Out
Commissioning and Blessing
Response
♪♫ **In God we live and move. In God we have our being.**
In God we will remain. In God is our abiding.
-words: Joyce Rupp; music: Linnea Good

Opening Hymn -MV 44 (words revised)
Shadow and substance, wonder and mystery,
Spell-binding spinner of atoms and earth;
Soul of the cosmos, person and energy,
Source of our being we sing of your worth.

We are your image, formed in community,
from the beginning our kinship declared.
You gave us colour, custom and history;
teach us to honour what others receive.

Naming the nameless Spirit of unity,
Scanning the heavens for signs of your care;
God of the ages, gives us humility;
Guide us to mystical union in prayer.

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

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