

GATHERING IN THE SPIRIT

Music for Meditation

Gathering song

♪ Christ circle round us
Christ, may your light surround us
Shine in our living
Fill our hearts with great Thanksgiving

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 – D’Arcy McPherson

♪ Open Our Hearts (MV21)

Opening Prayer

**O Eastering One,
As we continue to move through these middle weeks in the wake of the miracle of Easter morning ...
As we begin to catch glimpses of you, O Risen Christ, arising anew in our hearts and minds,
weaving your way in the warp and weft of our lives...
May we have the courage to welcome you**

into any wounded spaces we carry within ourselves.

**May we find ourselves opening
to your power for life,
to your wellspring of Love
that will not let us go.
We pray in the name of Jesus,
crucified yet risen. Amen**

♪ MV 12 Come Touch Our Hearts (v1, 2, 3, 4)

Sharing the Peace of Christ

SHARING THE GOOD NEWS

♪ Alleluia - by Jennifer Turner

Part 1
al - le - lu - ia al - le - lu - ia al - le - lu - ia al - le - lu - ia

Part 2
al - le - lu - ia al - le - lu - ia a - l - lu - ia al - le - lu - ia

Scripture: Acts 1:1-11; Reader: Carol Yanisch

♪ Alleluia

Reflection: “Getting ready for our journey in Christ” – Mahima Sylvester

RESPONDING WITH OUR WHOLE HEARTS

♪ Hymn: VU 208 Veni Sancte Spiritus

Prayers of the People – Owen McCooey

Lord’s Prayer

Beloved Creator, who dwells among us, holy is your name. May your realm of justice and compassion become reality here on earth. Give us this day the nourishment we need, and help us to forgive others as we seek forgiveness ourselves. Guide us away from temptation, and deliver us from the evils of oppression. For yours is the power of love and liberation, now and forever. Amen. — "A inclusive theological adaptation of the Lord's Prayer"

Offering Ourselves with our Gifts

♪♪ **Your will be done, be done on earth x 3**
Your will be done on earth,
Your will be done on earth.

GOING OUT TO SERVE

♪♪ **VU 556 Will You Bless Our Homes and Families**

Commissioning and Blessing

Response

♪♪ **Behold, behold I make all things new,**
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.

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

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