

Music: Jennifer Turner

## GATHERING IN THE SPIRIT

Gathering Song

~ MV 7 ~

♪ ♪ Gather us in, ground us in you.  
Gather us in, ground us in you.  
Gather us in, gather us in, ground us, ground us in you.

Welcome: Rev. Anne Manikel

Territorial Acknowledgement

**We gather on land that has sustained the  
Kosapsum, the Songhees, and their trading  
partners for a long time even before churches,  
houses, shops, and community centres were built.  
We seek reconciliation and right relationship; we  
also seek wisdom to be good stewards of the land  
and good stewards of power for the sake of all life.**

Lighting the Christ Candle: Andre Fontaine

Opening Prayer

**Creator, Mother Father God, we come together on  
this day, grateful for the lives you have given to us  
and to all of creation. At this very challenging time  
in the history of our world, we open ourselves ever  
more deeply to following in the way of the  
teachings of Jesus.  
As we begin to explore other paths to you, may we  
have open hearts, questing minds and boundless  
faith in you, so that we may see your face in the  
face of others. Amen**

Hymn MV 49 When We Seek Language

Sharing the Peace of Christ

## SHARING THE GOOD NEWS

♪ ♪ Open our hearts, open our minds.  
Open our lives to you O loving God. ~ MV 21 ~

Scripture Reading (from Psalm 138 from "Psalms for Praying  
by Nan C. Merrill)

Read Responsively by: Karen Halliday

I give you thanks, O Blessed One, with all my heart;  
before all the people I sing your praise;

**I was humbled when I came to see that You  
dwell in me, in the Holy Temple of all souls;  
my gratitude knows no bounds!**

For You are the Holy one, the Breath of our breath.  
On the day that I called, You answered me;  
the strength of my soul You increased.

Though I walk in the midst of trouble,  
You preserve my life;

You are a very Presence as I face my fears and doubts;  
Your strength upholds me.

You guide me as I pray to fulfill my purpose on earth;  
You do not forsake those who call upon You.

**Your steadfast love and truth endures forever.**

Reading/Reflection from *Holy Envy* by Barbara  
Brown Taylor

Read by: Sarah Hovey

**Question to consider: What is your greatest  
curiosity about what people of other faiths  
believe?**

Hymn MV 169 When Hands Reach Out Beyond  
Divide

Prayers of the People

## RESPONDING WITH OUR WHOLE HEARTS

Work of the People

Offering Ourselves with our Gifts

♪ ♪ Your will be done, be done on earth [x3]  
Your will be done on earth. Your will be done on earth.

## GOING OUT TO SERVE

Hymn: MV 138 My Love Colours Outside the Lines

Commissioning and Blessing

Response ~ VU 298 ~

♪ ♪ **When you walk from here,  
When you walk from here,  
walk with justice, walk with mercy,  
and with God's tender care.**

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on the journey inward  
and the journey outward*

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**Finding God in the Faith of Others  
- Rev. Barbara Brown Taylor**