

Music: Jennifer Turner

GATHERING IN THE SPIRIT

Gathering Song ~ J. & M. Hafso ~

♪ ♪ We are standing on holy ground.
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God has called, we are journey bound
Standing on, standing on holy ground

Welcome: Rev. Bev Tracey

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: Peggy Hodding

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: VU 388 Spirit Dancing on the Water (Vs. 1 2,5,6)

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: John 12: 20-26

Read by: Colleen Nichol

Reading/Reflection from *Holy Envy* by Barbara
Brown Taylor - Read by: D'Arcy McPherson

Question to consider:

**When have you felt the boundaries of your faith
shift in encountering another tradition?**

Hymn MV 159 In Star and Crescent
(Tune: Ye Banks and Braes)

Celebration of Communion (see insert)

Communion Song ~ MV 194 ~

♪ ♪ **Bread of life, feed my soul,
As the presence of the Spirit makes me
whole. Bread of life, fill my heart
With the grace and mercy you impart.**

**Bread of life, help me live
A life as pure and true as Jesus did.
Bread of life, help me see
The boundless love of Christ for you and me.**

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 142 Oh A Song Must Rise

Commissioning and Blessing

Response ~ MV 221 ~

♪ ♪ **We are walking a path of Love (x 3)**
Lead us home, lead us home.

We are walking a path of Hope (x 3)
Lead us home, lead us home.

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

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