

Music to Nurture Meditation: Jennifer Turner

GATHERING IN THE SPIRIT

Gathering Song ~ J. & M. Hafso ~

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

Welcome: Colleen Nichol

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: D'Arcy McPherson

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: Beneath the Tree of Life ~ Marty Haugen ~

♪ ♪ ***Come and gather* beneath the tree of life.
Come and gather beneath the tree of life:
Root of wisdom, branch of peace,
fruit of healing and release.
Come and gather beneath the tree of life.**

♪ ♪ ***Pure compassion...***

♪ ♪ ***Room for all faiths...***

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: Jeremiah 17: 7-8

Read by: Mahima Sylvester

Reading/Reflection from *Holy Envy* by Barbara
Brown Taylor – Read by: Marg Lunam

**Question to consider: This reading runs counter
to the central Christian belief in God, however
varied our beliefs may be. So today's question is:
How do these ideas affect you today?**

Hymn: VU 374 Come and Find the Quiet Centre

RESPONDING WITH OUR WHOLE HEARTS

Prayers of the People – Colleen Nichol

Work of the People

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

Hymn: VU 639 One More Step Along the World I Go

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 Peace (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