

Music for Meditation: Gordon Miller

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: Mary White

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 the 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: Owen McCooey

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 79 Spirit, Open My Heart

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: Deut. 6: 4-9
Read by: Carol Yanisch

Reading/Reflection from *Holy Envy* by Barbara
Brown Taylor
Read by: Karen Halliday

**Question to consider:
What is the hardest part about loving your
neighbour as yourself?**

Hymn MV169
When Hands Reach Out Beyond Divides

RESPONDING WITH OUR WHOLE HEARTS

Prayers of the People – Mary White

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 VU 884 (Isaiah 55) You Shall Go Out with Joy
 ♪ ♪ We shall go out with joy and be led forth with peace,
 The mountains and the hills will break forth before you,
 There'll be shouts of joy, and all the trees of the field
 Will clap, will clap their hands!
 And all the trees of the field will clap their hands,
 The trees of the field will clap their hands,
 The trees of the field will clap their hands,
 While we go out with JOY.

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**