

Music: Jennifer Turner

GATHERING IN THE SPIRIT

Gathering Song

~ MV 1 ~

♪ Let us build a house where love can dwell and all can safely live, a place where saints and children tell how hearts learn to forgive. Built of hopes and dreams and visions, rock of faith and vault of grace; here the love of Christ shall end divisions:

All are welcome, all are welcome,
All are welcome in this place.

♪ Let us build a house where all are named, their songs and visions heart, and loved and treasured taught and claimed as words within the Word. Built of tears and cries and laughter, prayers of faith and songs of grace; let this house proclaim from floor to rafter:

All are welcome, all are welcome,
All are welcome in this place.

Welcome: Rev. Anne Manikel

Territorial Acknowledgement

The area now known as James Bay was home to the Kosapsum and the Songhees long before contact with explorers and travelers from far away. The list of injustices between then and now is long. We commit to the path of reconciliation, that all may be one.

Lighting the Christ Candle: Peggy Hodding

Opening Prayer: World Food Day

Good and gracious God,
You are gathering this community from across the earth, asking us to pour out our lives on behalf of those who hunger: for hope, for justice, for daily bread.

You are asking us to see the earth as you do: so very, very good; as a holy place for everything that breathes and to whom you have given life. Yet we see the realities before us and it takes our breath away: those whose bellies growl every day, and those who consume more than their fair share. Breathe new life into us as a global community. As local congregations gather us together so that we may remind each other of your intent for this earth.

Gather us so that we may pour out our lives in Christ's name, as Christ does on behalf of those who hunger. *Adapted from WFD prayer on presbyterianmission.org*

Hymn VU 307 Touch the Earth Lightly

Sharing the Peace of Christ

Parents may take children to the Sunday Kids room.

SHARING THE GOOD NEWS

♪ Love is calling, be open O my heart ~ B. Hesla ~

Scripture Reading: John 6: 1-15

Read by: Owen McCooey

Reflection: Rev. Anne Manikel

Hymn MV 169 When Hands Reach Out

RESPONDING WITH OUR WHOLE HEARTS

Prayers of the People

The Lord's Prayer (Sung responsively)

Offering Ourselves with our Gifts

~ VU 701 ~

♪ **What does the Lord Require of You?**

♪ **To speak justice, and love kindness and walk humbly with your God.**

♪ **Justice, kindness, walk humbly with your God.**

Work of the People

GOING OUT TO SERVE

Hymn MV 171 Christ Has No Body Now But Yours

Commissioning and Blessing

Response

~ MV 143 ~

♪ **God calls humanity to join as partners in creating a future free from want or fear, life's goodness celebrating, that new world beckons from afar from, invites our shared endeavour, that all may have abundant life and peace endure forever.**

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on the journey inward
and the journey outward*

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