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

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

# Opening Prayer:

Creating, sustaining, and redeeming God, you are always among us and now we take some time to acknowledge, as one body, your presence here and in all places. Your love permeates every facet of all life, and so we give thanks. Bless this time, bless all of Creation that seeks to live the abundant life rooted in you. Amen.

Hymn MV 12 Come Touch Our Hearts

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: Luke 19:1-10

Read by: Carol Yanisch

Reflection

Hymn VU 699 Live into Hope

## **RESPONDING WITH OUR WHOLE HEARTS**

## Communion

□ Bread for the world, a world of hunger
Wine for all peoples, people who thirst
May we who eat, be bread for others
May we who drink, pour out our love ~ Bernadette Farrell ~

 $\square$  Eat this bread, drink this cup; come to me and never be hungry. Eat this bread, drink this cup; trust in me and you will not thirst.  $\sim VU~466~\sim$ 

Offering Ourselves with our Gifts

~ VU 701 ~

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

Work of the People



#### **GOING OUT TO SERVE**

Hymn MV 142 Oh A Song Must Rise

Commissioning and Blessing

Response

~ MV 209 ~

☐Go make a diff'rence. We can make a diff'rence. Go make a diff'rence in the world. Go make a diff'rence. We can make a diff'rence Go make a diff'rence in the world.

We are the hands of Christ reaching out to those in need, the face of God for all to see. We are the spirit of hope, we are the voice of peace. Go make a diff'rence in the world.

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