

Minister: Rev. Greg Powell

Presiding: Rev. Mary White

Music: Jennifer Turner

GATHERING IN THE SPIRIT

Gathering Song ~ MV 221 ~

♪ ♪ **Slow me down. Still my restless mind.
Quell my fears. Quench my thirsty soul.
Fill me with your love. God of Truth. God of Love.**

Welcome

Territorial Acknowledgement

The history between the Indigenous nations of this area –including the Kosapsum and the Songhees– and those who arrived more recently is fraught with injustice and violence. Together, we seek to reconcile such that there is a fair sharing of power, and such that all may be one.

Lighting the Christ Candle: Richard Wey

♪ **Christ be with me, Christ within me, Christ behind me, Christ before me,
Christ beside me, Christ to win me,
Christ to comfort and restore me.** ~ VU 318 ~

Opening Prayer:

God of fierce love and vulnerable power, on this day when the church traditionally names Christ a King, we remember that Jesus came to show us true glory and power. Help us resist the impulse to mirror systems of dominance and control, and instead fix our gaze on the One who embraced vulnerability. We pray for eyes to see your power, not in authority that dominates, but in love that sets the captives free. ... >

... > May your kingdom come, O God - a kin-dom of inclusion and care, where polarities and divisions give way to the path of forgiveness and peace. In the name of Jesus - our friend, our redeemer, our servant-king - we pray. Amen.

Hymn VU 217 All Creatures of Our God and King
(Vs. 1, 2, 4)

Sharing the Peace of Christ

Parents may take children to the Sunday Kids room.

SHARING THE GOOD NEWS

♪ **Spirit, open my heart to the joy and pain of living.
As you love may I love, in receiving and in giving,
Spirit, open my heart.** ~ MV 79 ~

Scripture Reading: Luke 23: 33-43
Read by: Mahima Sylvester

Reflection: Rev. Maggie Enwright

Hymn VU 567 Will You Come and Follow Me

RESPONDING WITH OUR WHOLE HEARTS

Prayers of the People

Offering Ourselves with our Gifts ~ VU 579 ~

♪ **The church is wherever God's people are helping, caring for neighbours in sickness and need.
The church is wherever God's people are sharing the words of the Bible in gift and deed.**

GOING OUT TO SERVE

Work of the People

Hymn: MV 171 Christ Has No Body Now But Yours

Commissioning and Blessing

Response

~ VU 649 ~

♪ **Walk with me, I will walk with you,
And build the land that God has planned
Where love shines through.**

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on the journey inward
and the journey outward*

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Reign of Christ Sunday

