

Pre-Service Music: Gordon Miller

GATHERING IN THE SPIRIT

Gathering Song: MV 2 Come All You People

Welcome: Rev. Greg Powell

Territorial Acknowledgement

When folks from across the seas arrived in what is now called James Bay, some couldn't understand that people with skin colours, languages, diets, and customs that differed from their own could also be children of God. Today, we assert that the Kosapsum and Songhees enjoyed this land as full children of God, or "Creator". We are all related. We struggle for a future that is fairer than the past, where each has the opportunity to thrive.

Lighting the Christ Candle

♪ |: Light of Christ, Shine in me, show me all
that's good and fair,
Light of Christ, be in my heart,
I know you'll always be there. :| ~ Gordon Miller ~

Opening Prayer

O God whose light is love, we ask that you shine upon our gathering today. We ask for clarity and guidance as we take this time to contemplate, to learn, and to celebrate. We ask that you receive the praise we offer today: praise for all Creation, praise for the goodness that pulses through the universe, and praise for life itself. We pray, sing, and move in the name of Jesus, the anointed one. Amen.

Hymn MV 82 Bathe Me in Your Light

Sharing the Peace of Christ

Sung Meditation MV 77 Be Still and Know

SHARING THE GOOD NEWS

Scripture Reading: Matthew 3:13-17

Read by: Mahima Silvester

Reflection

Hymn MV 98 Renewing Our Spirits

RESPONDING WITH OUR WHOLE HEARTS

Communion

Offering Ourselves with our Gifts

Solo Shine - Gordon Miller

Offertory Response: What Can I Do? ~ MV 191~

♪ What can I do? What can I bring?
What can I say? What can I sing?
I'll sing with joy. I'll say a prayer.
I'll bring my love. I'll do my share.

Work of the People

GOING OUT TO SERVE

Hymn MV 144 Like a Healing Stream

Commissioning and Blessing

Response: Shine

~ Gordon Miller ~

53 G D C C/E G G D
Shine, shine God's light shines through me! Just - ice, Grace

58 G B⁷ Em C Dsus G G D
Peace and Love God's light shines through me. Just - ice, Grace,

62 G B⁷ Em C Dsus G
Peace and Love. God's light shines through Me!

The musical score consists of three staves of music for a single voice. The first staff (measures 53-55) starts with a G major chord, followed by a D chord, then a C chord, and a C/E chord. The lyrics "Shine, shine God's light shines through me!" are written below the notes, with "Just - ice, Grace" on the last two notes. The second staff (measures 58-60) starts with a G major chord, followed by a B⁷ chord, then an Em chord, and a C chord. The lyrics "Peace and Love God's light shines through me." are written below the notes, with "Just - ice, Grace," on the last two notes. The third staff (measures 62-64) starts with a G major chord, followed by a B⁷ chord, then an Em chord, and a C chord. The lyrics "Peace and Love. God's light shines through Me!" are written below the notes.

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on the journey inward
and the journey outward*

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