

Pre-Service Music: Christine Chepyha

GATHERING IN THE SPIRIT

Gathering Anthem: *Turn*

♪ **If you need a world to belong to
Look around you're already home
And what you seek you've already found
Turn around to me you will see
No reason to be lonely.**

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 VU 79 Arise, Your Light Is Come

Sharing the Peace of Christ

Sung Meditation MV 77 Be Still and Know

SHARING THE GOOD NEWS

Scripture Reading: John 1:29-42

Read by: Karen Halliday

Reflection

Hymn MV 143 We Cannot Own the Sunlit Sky

RESPONDING WITH OUR WHOLE HEARTS

Prayers of the People

Prayer of Jesus

**Eternal Spirit, Earthmaker, Pain bearer, Life giver,
Source of all that shall be.
Father and Mother of us all. Loving God, in whom
is heaven;
May the hallowing of your name echo through the
Universe! May the way of your justice be followed
by the peoples of the world!
May your heavenly will be done by all created
beings! May your commonwealth of peace and
freedom sustain our hope and may it come on
earth.
With the bread that we need for today, feed us. In
the hurts that we absorb from one another, forgive
us. In times of temptation and test, strengthen us.
From trials too great to endure, spare us. From the
grip that is evil, free us.
For you reign in the glory of the power that is love.
Now and forever, now and forevermore. Amen.**

Offering Ourselves with our Gifts

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 161 I Have Called You By Your Name

Commissioning and Blessing

Response: Shine ~ Gordon Miller ~

♪ |: **Shine, shine, God's light shines through me,
Justice, Grace Peace and Love,
God's light shines through me. :|**

**Justice, Grace Peace and Love,
God's light shines through me.**

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on the journey inward
and the journey outward*

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