

Music Minister: Jennifer Turner

GATHERING IN THE SPIRIT

Gathering Song

~ VU 82 ~

♪ **Refrain: A light is gleaming, spreading its arms throughout the night, living in the light.**

Come share its gladness, God's radiant love is burning bright, living in the light.

So let us live in the brightness God has giv'n. And let us rise to see the dawn. We trust that God is here a sparkle and ablaze, warming all our days. Refrain

Welcome: Mahima Silvester

Lighting the Christ Candle: Peggy Hodding

♪ **Holy Light, Still burning bright, presence of God that frees us. Lift the shadows from our soul, shine through our life, Christ Jesus.**

~ Jim Strathdee ~

Territorial Acknowledgement

We gather on land that sustained bodies, hopes, and dreams long before contact with Europeans and then others. We acknowledge the Kosapsum and Songees, Lekwə̱ən peoples—all relations yearning for right relationship. And so we recommit to a journey toward reconciliation, one that is not easy.

Opening Prayer

Eternal God, in Jesus Christ your light shines on our darkness, giving joy in our sorrow and presence in our loneliness.

Fill us with the mystery of your Word made flesh, until our hearts overflow with praise and joy, for he is the beginning and the end of all that exists, living forevermore. Amen.

Hymn MV 106 I Am the Dream

Sharing the Peace of Christ

SHARING THE GOOD NEWS

Opening to the Word

♪ **Come and fill our hearts with your peace, You, the source of life, are holy.**

Come and fill our hearts with your peace. Alleluia!

~ MV 16 ~

Scripture Readings: 1 Kings 19:10-12; Romans 8: 38-39

Read by: Carol Yanisch

Reflection: Linda Mulhall

Hymn MV 144 Like a Healing Stream

RESPONDING WITH OUR WHOLE HEARTS

Prayers of the People: Cheryl Macpherson

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

Offertory Response ~ MV 85 ~

♪ Take, O take me as I am.
Summon out what I shall be.
Set your seal upon my heart, and live in me.

Announcements: Work of the People

GOING OUT TO SERVE

Hymn MV 150 Spirit God Be Our Breath

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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