

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: Rev. Greg Powell

Lighting the Christ Candle

♪ **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, Lek'wə̱ən 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, you reveal yourself in new ways all the time. We come seeking that revelation, that we might know you more. We offer our thanks for the light of Christ, for your love made known in Jesus. Guide us through the uncertainty and chaos of everyday life.

Keep us grounded in you. Receive our worship through word, work, song and prayer. Amen.

Hymn: MV 12 Come Touch Our Hearts

Sharing the Peace of Christ

SHARING THE GOOD NEWS

Opening to the Word

~ MV 16 ~

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

Scripture Readings: Micah 6:1-8
Read by Owen McCooey

Matthew 5:3-10

~ MV 112 ~

♪ **Amen, amen, it shall be so! Amen, alleluia!**

Reflection

Hymn: *For Everyone Born* (see Insert)

RESPONDING WITH OUR WHOLE HEARTS

Communion

♪ **Bread of life, hope of the world, Jesus Christ, our brother: feed us now, give us life, lead us to one another.**

~ Bernadette Farrell ~

♪ **Oh God we call, Oh God we call From deep inside we yearn, From deep inside we year, From deep inside we yearn for you.**

~ Linnea Good ~

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: VU 87 I Am the Light of the World

Commissioning and Blessing

Response: ~ VU 701~

♪ What does the Lord require of you?
What does the Lord require of you?
Justice, kindness, walk humbly with your God.
To seek justice, and love kindness,
and walk humbly with your God.

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on the journey inward
and the journey outward*

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