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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

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, Lək'wənən peoples—all relations yearning for right relationship. And so we recommit to a journey toward reconciliation, one that is not easy.

Opening Prayer

God of light, Source of love, you call us to leave our worries behind for a time. You call us to focus on your goodness. And so here we are. We give thanks for the many blessings of this life, wondering about the greatness of this universe. We still ourselves to hear how you are asking us to let our light shine. The world, simultaneously broken and whole, needs us—show us a way. Hear our worship today. Amen.

Hymn MV 10 Come and Seek the Ways of Wisdom

Sharing the Peace of Christ

SHARING THE GOOD NEWS

Opening to the Word

~ MV 16 ~

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

Scripture Reading: Matthew 5:13-16

Read by: Colleen Nichol

Reflection

Hymn VU 679 Let There Be Light

RESPONDING WITH OUR WHOLE HEARTS

Prayers of the People

The Lord's Prayer

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

Choir Anthem: *Peace is the Way*

~ Jim Strathdee ~

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 TLUS 30 We Are a Rainbow (see Insert)

Commissioning and Blessing

Response:

♪ |: This little light of mine, I'm gonna let it shine. :|

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and the journey outward*

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Season of Epiphany

