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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 the Kosapsum and Songees encountered others from far away. And so we recommit to a journey toward reconciliation, one that is not easy.

Opening Prayer

God of new appearances, everywhere we look we see you: in our neighbour, in every plant and creature, and in everything that allows life to flourish. And every time we look, we find something new. Accompany us in our search for you, as we uncover truth on our journey to healing and wholeness. As a community and with our diversity we give thanks for your eternal presence. Enliven our worship today. Amen.

Hymn MV 27 Creator God You Gave Us Life

Sharing the Peace of Christ

In Memoriam:

Abel Mwansa, age 12 Ezekiel Schofield, age 13

Kylie Smith, age 12 Zoey Benoit, age 12

Ticaria Lampert, age 12 Emmett Jacobs, age 11

Jennifer Jacobs, age 39 Jesse Van Rootselaar, age 18

Shannda Aviugana-Durand, age 39

SHARING THE GOOD NEWS

Opening to the Word ~ MV 16 ~

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

Scripture Reading: Matthew 17:1-9

Read by: Carol Yanisch

Reflection

Hymn VU 619 Healer of Our Every Ill

RESPONDING WITH OUR WHOLE HEARTS

Prayers of the People ~ MV 90 ~

♪ **Don't be afraid. My love is stronger, My love is stronger than your fear. Don't be afraid. My love is stronger and I have promised, Promised to be always near.**

The Lord's Prayer ~ paraphrase by Steve Garnaas-Holmes ~

O Infinite, Intimate One, Source of our being, whose presence is heaven, all Creation sings of you, "Holy!"

May your Realm unfold among us;

May our only story be the story of your grace, this world blossoming out of your delight.

Give us the breath of life, one breath at a time.

Accept our brokenness;
give us acceptance of others who are broken.
Lead us beyond our desires
and save us from cooperating with evil.
For the world is within you;
all power is from you,
and all glory is about you,
in eternity, which is in the present moment. 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 VU 684 Make Me a Channel of Your Peace

Commissioning and Blessing

Response: ~ MV 92 ~

♪ Like a Rock, like a rock, God is under our feet.
Like the starry night sky, God is over our head.
Like the sun on the horizon God is ever before.
Like the river runs to ocean,
our home is in God evermore.

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on the journey inward
and the journey outward*

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