

Music Minister: Jennifer Turner
Presiding: Sarah Hovey

GATHERING IN THE SPIRIT

Gathering Song ~ MV 77 ~

♪ **Be still and know that I am God** [x 2]

♪ ♪ **Be still, be still and know I am God.**

Welcome

Territorial Acknowledgement

We gather on land that sustained bodies, hopes, and dreams long before the Kosapsun and Songees encountered others from far away. And so we recommit to a journey toward reconciliation, one that is not easy.

Fasting and Feasting

♪ **Return to God with all your heart,** ~ Marty Haugen~
the source of grace and mercy,
come seek the tender faithfulness of God.

Tenebrae Candle

Opening Prayer

Creator, Mother Father God, we open ourselves to the blessings of our Lenten journey this day. May we feel your presence in all our everyday matters as we follow Christ on his journey to the cross. Help us to find the grace and the courage to live our lives as a Giving and Caring community. Amen

Hymn VU 113 To the Desert Jesus Came

SHARING THE GOOD NEWS

Opening to the Word

♪ **Listen in the Silence, Listen in the noise.**

Listen for the sound of the Spirit's voice. ~ Linnea Good ~

Scripture Reading: Matthew 4:1-11

Read by: Milt Papageorge

♪ **Where streams run dry; Where streams run dry.**
Where streams run dry in the wilderness,
roots run deep. ~ Linnea Good ~

A Moment with Jesus: Diane Monteith

Reflection: D'Arcy McPherson

Hymn: MV 83 Let My Spirit Always Sing

(Tune: *For the Beauty of the Earth*)

RESPONDING WITH OUR WHOLE HEARTS

Communion Mary White

Communion Songs

♪ **Bread for the world, a world of hunger.**
Wine for all peoples, people who thirst.
May we who eat, be bread for others.
May we who drink, pour out our love

The Lord's Prayer

Our Father Mother in heaven, hallowed be your name. Your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. Lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil. For yours is the kingdom, the power and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen.

Offering

Offertory Response

♪ **The Church is wherever God's people are helping, caring for neighbours in sickness and need. The Church is wherever God's people are sharing the words of the bible in gift and in deed.**

Announcements: Work of the People

GOING OUT TO SERVE

Hymn: MV 65 When We Are Tested
(Tune: *Be Thou My Vision*)

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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Jesus in the Desert**

