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GATHERING IN THE SPIRIT

Gathering Song

~ MV 4 ~

♪ **All who are thirsty, all who are weak,
Come to the fountain.
Dip your heart in the stream of life.
Let the pain and the sorrow be washed away
in the waves of God's mercy
as deep cries out to deep.
We sing loving Spirit come.
Loving Spirit come...**

Welcome

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.**

Lighting the Christ Candle

Opening Prayer

**God of springtime and renewal, you awaken us to the
beauty and abundance that are all around us. We set that
as our intention today: to allow our eyes to be opened to
all that you are doing. With the resurrected Christ in our
midst we give thanks. Hear our song, hear our prayer.
Receive our thanks. Amen.**

Hymn VU 371 Open My Eyes, That I May See

SHARING THE GOOD NEWS

Passing the Peace of Christ

Testimony: Anne Manikel

Opening to the Word

~ B. Farrell ~

♪ **Alleluia your word oh God is spirit and life.
Alleluia, open our hearts to your word.**

Scripture Reading: Luke 24:13-35

Read by: Judy Krzesowski

Reflection

Hymn MV 27 Creator God You Gave Us Life

RESPONDING WITH OUR WHOLE HEARTS

Prayers of the People

The Lord's Prayer ~ *Paraphrase by Steve Garnaas-Holmes* ~

**Beloved, Center and Source of our living,
whose presence is heaven, your holy love fills
Creation.**

**May your delight be fulfilled
and your Realm unfold among us,
the visible world blossoming out of the unseen.
We turn to you alone for our sustenance,
the bread of life each day.
Set us free from our failings,
as we set free all who have failed us
Lead us beyond our desires
and save us from the grip of 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 130 ~

♪ **Rise up, rise up, rise up, O my soul.
Rise up and sing this blessing to God's name.**

Announcements: Work of the People

GOING OUT TO SERVE

Hymn MV 147 God, Help Us to Treasure

Commissioning and Blessing

Response:

~ VU 639 ~

♪ **One more step along the world we go,
one more step along the world we go,
from the old things to the new,
keep us travelling along with you:
And it's from the old we travel to the new,
keep us travelling along with you.**

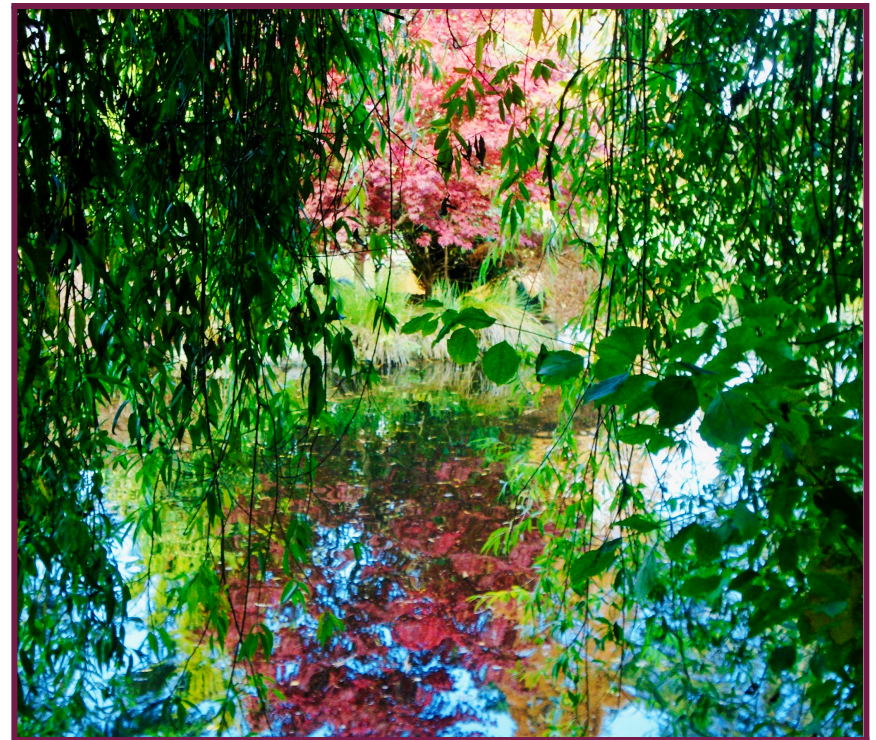
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*Following in the way of Jesus
on the journey inward
and the journey outward*

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**Third Sunday of Easter
The Road to Emmaus**



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