

Presiding: Bev Tracey
Music Minister: Jennifer Turner

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## GATHERING IN THE SPIRIT

Gathering Song: ~ Sarah Dan Jones ~

♪ **Breathe in, breathe out.**

♪ **When I breathe in, I breathe in Peace.  
When I breathe out, I breathe out love.**

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

**O Love that will not let us go,  
You gather us into the guesthouse of your heart,  
where you give us to taste and see your love  
that knows no end.  
Help us to be at home there  
to drink deeply from your cup of gladness  
to take to heart your joy in our presence  
that we might live from the fullness  
of your delight in us. Amen**

Hymn VU 282 Long before the Night

## SHARING THE GOOD NEWS

Passing the Peace of Christ

Opening to the Word

~ VU 411 ~

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

Scripture Reading: Matthew 22: 36-40; 1 John 4:16

Read by: Janice Langley

Reflection: *Seeking Love* - Colleen Nichol

Hymn MV 94 Love Knocks and Waits

## RESPONDING WITH OUR WHOLE HEARTS

Prayers of the People

Taize chant:

~ MV 170 ~

♪ **Ubi caritas et amor. Ubi caritas Deus ibi est.**

Lord's prayer sung responsively

~ Jim Strathdee ~

Offering

Offertory Response

~ Bret Hesla ~

♪ **Praise to God, who has spun the  
threads of being,  
And turns the universe before my eyes.  
Who has woven this tangled web of beauty  
That binds me to the earth and sky.**

Announcements: Work of the People

### GOING OUT TO SERVE

Hymn MV 12 Come Touch Our Hearts (Vs. 1 - 4)

Commissioning and Blessing

Response: ~ Joyce Rupp & Linnea Good ~

♪ In God we live and move,  
In God we have our being,  
In God we shall remain,  
In God is our abiding.

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on the journey inward  
and the journey outward*

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### Summer Light 4: Seeking Love

