

Presiding: Rev Greg Powell
Music Minister: Jennifer Turner

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## GATHERING IN THE SPIRIT

Gathering Song

~ Bret Hesla ~

God whose love flows like a river

♪ **Shower your spirit upon us all.**

God whose grace pours down like summer rain

♪ **Shower your spirit upon us all.**

God whose justice pours like crashing thunder

♪ **Make your ever-presence known to us!**

**Hear our prayer, O hear our prayer,**

**Shower your spirit upon us all.**

Welcome

Territorial Acknowledgement

**The Kosapsum and Songhees moved, traded, and recognized the sacred on the same land where we now gather, long before Jesus walked the earth. We work and pray for a future that is fairer than the past, which ultimately includes a vision of Indigenous and non-Indigenous dwelling in reconciliation.**

Lighting the Christ Candle

Opening Prayer

**Creating God, source of inspiration, one who formed the earth and seas and connected hydrogen and oxygen, you declared all life good. And so do we. In this Time of Creation we give thanks for the complexity, persistence, and beauty of all that surrounds us. In it and through it all, we get a glimpse of you. We honour the sacredness of water. We thank you and we honour you. Amen.**

Hymn VU 267 Like a Mighty River Flowing (vs. 1-2, 4-5)

## SHARING THE GOOD NEWS

Passing the Peace of Christ

Pouring the Water

Opening to the Word

~ MV 123 ~

♪ **Day after day, night after night,  
you speak through everything**

Scripture Reading: Genesis 1:1-10

Read by: Judy Krzesowski

Reflection

Hymn MV 87 Water Flowing from the Mountain

## RESPONDING WITH OUR WHOLE HEARTS

Prayers of the People

Offering

Offertory Response

~ TLUS 148 ~

♪ **We have been called,  
we have been called to celebrate  
our home here in Love's wide embrace.  
To bear in mind, to bear in mind all that we share.  
To join the song of love's good ways.**

**Hallelujah, we have been called to join  
the song of Love's good ways.**

Announcements: Work of the People

## GOING OUT TO SERVE

Hymn MV 135 Called by Earth and Sky

Commissioning and Blessing

Response: ~ MV 143 Vs. 1 ~

♪ **We cannot own the sunlit sky,  
the moon, the wild-flowers growing,  
For we are part of all that is  
within life's river flowing.  
With open hands receive and share  
the gifts of God's creation,  
That all may have abundant life  
in every earthly nation.**

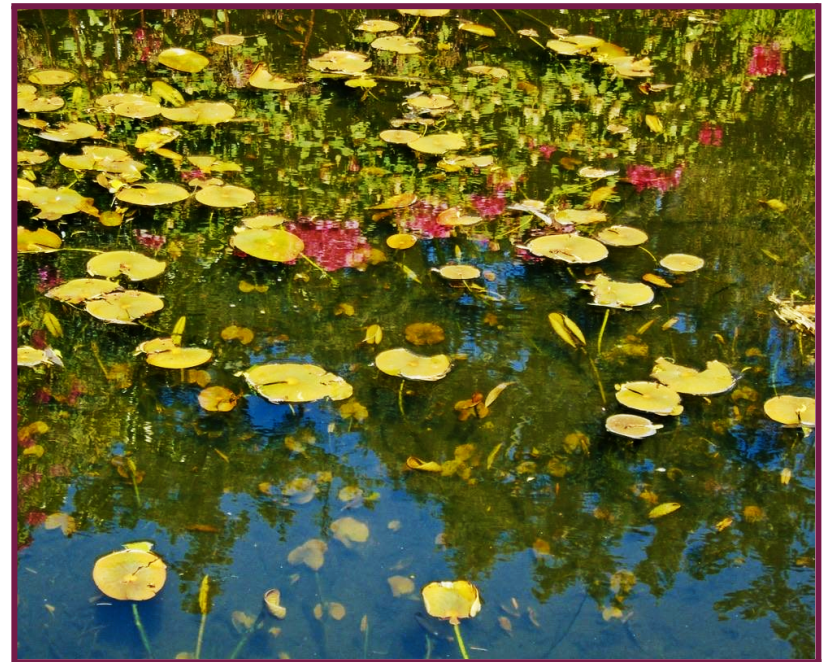
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on the journey inward  
and the journey outward*

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**First Sunday of Creation Time**



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