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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 includes a vision of Indigenous and non-Indigenous dwelling in reconciliation.**

Lighting the Christ Candle

Opening Prayer

**Creating God, in the mystery of ice fractals and plasmas, in the majesty of waterfalls and glaciers, and in the adventure of white water and snow-coveted slopes we find you. You invite us to dwell in awe, so we do. You invite us to be stewards of Creation and water, so we are. Now we offer you our thanks. Amen.**

Hymn TLUS 11 The River

♪ **Water heal my body, water heal my soul.  
When I go down, down to the water,  
By the water I feel whole.**

## 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: John 7:37-39; Jeremiah 2:13

Read by: Mahima Silvester

Reflection

Hymn MV 144 Like a Healing Stream

## RESPONDING WITH OUR WHOLE HEARTS

Communion

Communion Songs

~ VU 466 ~

♪ **Eat this bread, drink this cup;    Come to  
me and never be hungry.  
Eat this bread, drink this cup;  
trust in me and you will not thirst**

♪ VU 457 As We Gather at Your Table

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 We'll Weave a Love by Carolyn McDade (see insert)

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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