Presiding: Rev. Greg Powell
Music Minister: Jennifer Turner
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GATHERING IN THE SPIRIT

Gathering Song: Wake O My Soul *~ Pat Mayberry ~*

Congregational refrain:
♫ **You the light of all creation,**
Blessed be Your name.
Every seed, every soul Your Love proclaim.

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
God of abundance and new life, today especially we give you thanks. We give thanks for the bounty of the harvest. We give thanks for the water that sustains it all. We thank you that all of it points to your promise of love made known in Jesus. Give us a vision of abundance for all beings. Be in our songs and stories today. Amen.

Hymn MV 30 It's a Song of Praise to the Maker

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: Exodus 17:1-7; Revelation 22: 1-5
Read by: Judy Krzesowski

Reflection

Choir: Simple Thanks with *Now Thank We All Our God*
~ Becki Slagle Mayo ~

RESPONDING WITH OUR WHOLE HEARTS

Communion

Communion Hymn: VU 460 All Who Hunger

Offering

Choir: Simple Gifts *~ Joseph Brackett arr.Adam Paltrowitz ~*

Offertory Response *~ VU 353 ~*
♫ **'Tis the gift to be simple, 'tis the gift to be free,**
'tis the gift to come down where we ought to be,
and when we find ourselves in the place just right,
'twill be in the valley of love and delight.

When true simplicity is gained,
to bow and to bend we shan't be ashamed,
to turn, turn will be our delight,
'till by turning, turning we come round right.

Announcements: Work of the People

GOING OUT TO SERVE

Hymn MV 143 Abundant Life

Commissioning and Blessing
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Response: ~ *VU 232* ~

♫ Joyful, joyful we adore you,
God of glory, life and love;
Hearts unfold like flowers before you,
Opening to the sun above.
Melt the clouds of shame and sadness,
Drive the gloom of fear away;
Giver of enduring gladness,
Fill us with the light of day.

All your works with joy surround you,
Earth and heaven reflect your rays,
Stars and angels sing around you,
Centre of unbroken praise.
Field and forest, vale and mountain,
Flowery meadow, flashing sea,
Chanting bird and flowing fountain,
Sound their praise eternally.

You are giving and forgiving,
Ever blessing, ever blest,
Wellspring of the joy of living,
Ocean depth of happy rest!
Source of grace and fount of blessing,
Let your light upon us shine;
Teach us how to love each other,
Lift us to the joy divine.

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on the journey inward
and the journey outward

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