

GATHERING IN THE SPIRIT

Music to Enliven

Gathering Song:

MV#14 When Two or Three are Gathered in My Name.

♪♪ Where two or three are gathered in my name,
I am there, I am there.

Words and music: Bruce Harding, 2002, after Matthew 18:20

Welcome

Territorial Acknowledgement

We acknowledge that we are occupying unceded land of the Strait Salish, lək'wəŋən speaking people who have been sustained in body, mind and spirit through their relationship with this land for thousands of years.

I am grateful to be part of a congregation that is hearing the call to continue learning of our colonial history and the on-going impacts of our privilege, and taking up the challenging and healing work toward reconciliation.

Lighting the Christ Candle ~ Richard Wey

Leader:

This is such a small light –

Cantor:

This small light; Not like sun or moon.

A tiny, fragile glowing; Flickering in this room

Leader's Contribution

Congregation, Sung:

♪♪ **Kindling joy and peace and love within for all who draw near. Kindling joy and peace and love all draw near.**

Opening Prayer: **When it seemed there was no hope
I have seen your light in the eyes of a child.
When it seemed there was no joy
I have heard your delight in the voice of a friend.
When it seemed that life was stale
I have smelled the freshness of sunlight on my skin.
When all seemed emptiness
I have touched your presence in the hand of a stranger.
When the future seemed barren
I have tasted life's moisture on the lips of another.
Thanks be to you, O God, for your embodied love.
Open my senses to your presence
that I may love you and care for you in all things.**

~ Celtic Benediction by J. Philip Newell ~

Opening Song:

♪♪ **Hymn: MV 12 - Come Touch Our Hearts**

Sharing the Peace of Christ

SHARING THE GOOD NEWS

♪♪ **Open our hearts, open our minds
Open our lives to you O loving God,
Open our hearts. ~ MV21~**

Scripture: Mark 5: 25-39 Reader: Mahima Sylvester
Reflection - "See Each Other" ~ read by Marg Lunam
(excerpt from "The Amen Effect" by Sharon Brous)

RESPONDING WITH OUR WHOLE HEARTS

♪ ♪ Hymn: MV#179 - *Sisters Let Us Walk Together*

Prayers of the People ~ Karla Weir (read by Elvira Sentes)
Responsive Lord's Prayer

Offering Ourselves with our Gifts

♪ ♪ **Grateful for the life you give us,
Thankful for your Holy Son,
Joyful in your Spirit flowing
Over all, O God of love.
Grateful for the Bread of Heaven,
Thankful for your Holy Word,
Joyful in your mercy flowing,
We will praise you. ~MV 182~**

GOING OUT TO SERVE

♪ ♪ Hymn: MV#161 - *I Have Called You By Your Name*

Commissioning and Blessing

Sung Response

♪ ♪ Hymn **VU 646 Siyahamba**

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

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**“JULY LIGHT”
See Each Other**

*“Imagine that the world is waiting for each of us to hear
the call, to show up in precisely the way we are
needed, to plant the seed of hope and possibility
in the darkest moments”
~ Rabbi Sharon Brous ~*

