

## GATHERING IN THE SPIRIT

Music for Meditation

Gathering Song

♪ ♪ **Come and fill our hearts with your love  
You the source of life are holy  
Come and fill our hearts with your love  
Alleluia**

Taize Community

Welcome

Territorial Acknowledgement

**We acknowledge that we are occupying unceded land of the Strait Salish, lək̓ʷəŋən 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 ~ Cliff Boldt

Opening Prayer

**Gracious and loving God, we gather before you today with hearts open to your presence, seeking your guidance and comfort. We acknowledge our need for your mercy and redemption. We come to you from the depths of our struggles, trusting in your steadfast love and forgiveness. We remember that Jesus is the Bread of Life, the sustenance we need for our journey.**

**We give thanks for his promise to nourish and sustain us, and for the hope that he brings to our lives. Open our hearts to your word today. May your spirit move among us, filling us with the peace and strength that only you can provide. Guide us as we worship and listen, and let your love shine through us in all that we do.  
Amen**

Opening Hymn

Hymn: MV 144 Like a Healing Stream

Sharing the Peace of Christ

## SHARING THE GOOD NEWS

♪ ♪ **Out of the depths I cry.  
Out of the depths I cry.  
Out of the depths I cry my hope in you.**

Scripture Reading: Psalm 130: 1-8; John 6:35, 41-51

Reader: Elvira Sentes

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Reflection: *Hope and Nourishment in Challenging Times*

~ D'Arcy McPherson

## RESPONDING WITH OUR WHOLE HEARTS

Hymn: VU 288 Great is Thy Faithfulness

Prayers of the People ~ Owen McCooey

Lord's Prayer: **Eternal Spirit Earth-maker, Pain-bearer, Life-giver. Source of all that is and that shall be, Father and Mother of us all, Loving God, in whom is heaven: The hallowing of your name echo through the universe! The way of your justice be followed by the peoples of the world! Your heavenly will be done by all created beings! Your commonwealth of peace and freedom sustain our hope and come on earth. With the bread we need for today, feed us. In the hurts we absorb from one another, forgive us. In times of temptation and test, strengthen us. From trials too great to endure, spare us. From the grip of all that is evil, free us. For you reign in the glory of the power that is love, now and forever. Amen**

Offering Ourselves with our Gifts

♪ ♪ **What can I do, what can I bring?  
What can I say, what can I sing?  
I'll sing with joy, I'll say a prayer.  
I'll bring my love, I'll do my share. ~MV 191~**

### **GOING OUT TO SERVE**

Hymn: VU 639 One More Step Along the World I Go

Commissioning and Blessing

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

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*A Special Welcome to  
Fairfield United Friends!*

