

Music to Invite the Light

## GATHERING IN THE SPIRIT

Welcome: Rev. Greg Powell

Lighting the Christ Candle

Gathering Song

♪ ♪ **Christ be our light! Shine in our hearts.**

**Shine through the darkness. Christ be our light!**

**Shine in your church gathered today.**

**Longing for light, we wait in darkness. Longing for truth,  
we turn to you. Make us your own, your holy people, light  
for the world to see. (R)** *~ Bernadette Farrell ~*

Territorial Acknowledgement

**We gather on land that sustained bodies, hopes, and  
dreams long before contact with Europeans and then  
others. We acknowledge the Esquimalt and Songees,  
Lək'wəŋən peoples—all relations yearning for right  
relationship. And so we recommit to a journey toward  
reconciliation, one that is not easy.**

Opening Prayer

**God of deep within, Great Mystery beyond understanding,  
you know these days of waiting can be challenging.**

**There is a sense that big change is about to happen.**

**In all the wondering and worrying; in all the errand-running  
and task-completing, remind us to look for peace.**

**Remind us that your way is a Way of Peace.**

**Grant us the peace we need—in our minds and in our hearts.  
In this time of worship, hear our gratitude. Amen.**

Hymn VU 7 Hope is a Star

Advent Candle Lighting: Thursday Lunch Team

♪ ♪ **Be a candle of Peace, be a candle of light,  
a beacon of truth in a dark, hopeless night.  
Share the light with a friend and watch the flame grow.  
The more light we give, the more love we'll know.**

Sharing the Peace of Christ

## SHARING THE GOOD NEWS

♪ ♪ **In Silence we wait, in darkness you come to us,  
bring us your light.** *~ Linnea Good ~*

Scripture Reading Luke 3:1-6 and *Song of Faith*

Reader: Judy Krzesowski

Reflection: Rev. Greg Powell

## RESPONDING WITH OUR WHOLE HEARTS

Hymn MV 144 Like a Healing Stream

Communion (see insert)

Communion Songs

*~ MV 221 ~*

♪ ♪ **We are walking a path of peace (x 3),  
Lead us home, lead us home**

♪ ♪ **Bread of life, hope of the world, Jesus Christ,  
our brother: feed us now, give us life, lead us to one  
another** *~ Bernadette Farrell ~*

Offering

Offertory Response

~ Linnea Good ~

♪ ♪ **Oh, what a wonderful gift. Oh, what a wonderful gift.  
God gives lives of hope and love, Oh what a wonderful  
gift!**

**So as we bring our gifts, and offer them with pray'r. May  
we be people seeking peace and justice everywhere. (R)**

Announcements: Work of the People

### **GOING OUT TO SERVE**

Hymn MV 173 Put Peace into Each Other's Hands

Commissioning and Sung Blessing

Response

~ VU 424~

♪ ♪ **May the God of hope go with us every day, filling all  
our lives with love and joy and peace.**

**May the God of justice speed us on our way, bringing  
light and hope to every land and race.**

**Praying, let us work for peace, singing, share our joy  
with all. Working for a world that's new, faithful  
when we hear Christ's call.**

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on the journey inward  
and the journey outward*

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