Music: Jennifer Turner

GATHERING IN THE SPIRIT

Welcome: Rev. Greg Powell

Territorial Acknowledgement

Lighting the Christ Candle (in silence): Richard Wey

Opening Prayer Lately the days have been grey and cool. **The rain soaks the earth and brings life to plants and animals.** We give thanks for the seasons of nature **and the season of the Church.** We continue in this Lenten season, **Grateful for its prayerful and reflective spirit.** We come today to consider our life as a church, our life in Christ. **May we be open to where the Spirit leads us, in sunshine or in shadows.** We extinguish two candles, as we continue this journey together.

Extinguish a Tenebrae Candle

Instrumental Meditation

Silent Meditation

Acknowledgement of Membership Dear friends in Christ, let us pledge to these persons our support and care. As your siblings in Christ, we rejoice in the gifts you bring to us. We pledge to you our love and our support. With God's help, we will together live out the mission and ministry of Christ's church.

Hymn: VU 595 We Are Pilgrims *Gender-inclusive terms: "sibling" and "pilgrim"

Communion

Communion Songs J J Bread of life, feed my soul, as the presence of the Spirit makes me whole. Bread of life, fill my heart with the grace and mercy you impart. ~ MV 194 ~

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

Sharing the Peace of Christ

SHARING THE GOOD NEWS

♫ ♫ Listen in the silence, listen in the noise, listen for the sound of the Spirit's voice. ~ Linnea Good

Scripture Reading: Luke 13:31-35 Reader: Owen McCooey

Reflection: Rev. Greg Powell

Choir Anthem: I Choose Love

~ Mark Miller ~

RESPONDING WITH OUR WHOLE HEARTS

Offering Ourselves with our Gifts

Offertory Response ~ Carolyn McDade ~ ♫ ♫ To this day I bring my life, born of hope, born of sand. Yearning joy where now there's strife, All I have, all I am. Help me to see what I must see, Help me to be where I must be, Restless faith abide 'til all are free, Fill my life, turn my hand.

Announcements: Work of the People

GOING OUT TO SERVE

Hymn: We'll Weave a Love (see Insert)~ Carolyn McDade ~

Commissioning and Blessing

Response

~ MV 150 ~

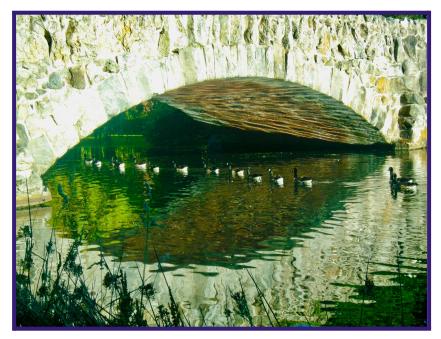
♫ ♫ Spirit God; be our breath, be our song.
Blow through us, Bringing strength to move on.
Through change, through challenge,
we'll greet the new dawn...Spirit God, be our song.

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