

GATHERING IN THE SPIRIT

Music for gathering

Gathering Song

**Joy comes with the dawn, joy comes with the morning sun;
Joy springs from the tomb
and scatters the night with her song,
Joy comes with the dawn.**

**We will rejoice, we will rejoice and give praise,
To the One who gives us grace.**

Joy comes with the dawn ...

-VU 166 words and music: Gordon Light

Welcome

Territorial Acknowledgement

**We acknowledge that we are occupying unceded land
of the Coast Salish, Lekwungen 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

Opening Prayer

O Holy Mystery,

who enables, and enfolds and enlivens all life,

You bring us to life

You call us to freedom

You move between us with love.

We offer ourselves this day

that we may taste and see the joy you intend for us

that we may be well,

and part of the world's healing this day.

Amen

Hymn VU 820 Make a Joyful Noise

Sharing the Peace of Christ

SHARING THE GOOD NEWS

Scripture reading: Jeremiah 19: 7 ; 1 Corinthians 12: 7

Response: Alleluia!

Reflection Kelby MacNayr and Sinan Demirel

**Lay your burdens down, sing your own life's part;
there where your treasure lies, there is your heart**

words and music: Linnea Good

RESPONDING WITH OUR WHOLE HEARTS

Hymn Creation of Peace [words on back of bulletin]

Prayers of the People

response: Spirit of life, rest on your people.

Waken your song deep in our hearts.

Lord's Prayer -Edgemont Paraphrase

Creator of a loving home, Heavenly and Holy.

Help us build the world that you imagine.

May the things we desire gladden your heart

and close the space between.

We look to you for the things we need for today.

Lift us when we fall that we may lift each other.

Lead us on paths lit with love and gentle mercy.

For with you, all things are possible,

through you all things come together

and every child of God will sing Amen! Amen! Amen!

Offering our Gifts *(offering plates are available at the exits)*

GOING OUT TO SERVE

Hymn VU 578 As A Fire is Meant for Burning

Commissioning and Blessing

Response –

A light is gleaming, spreading its arms throughout the night

Living in the light. Come share its gladness,

God's radiant love is burning bright, living in the light.

Creation of Peace – words and music: Carolyn McDade

**We'll build a land where we bind up the broken
We'll build a land where the captives go free,
Where the oil of gladness dissolves all mourning,
oh, we'll build a promised land that can be.**

Chorus:

**Come build a land where we altogether
anointed by God then create peace
where justice shall flow down like waters
and peace like an ever-flowing stream.**

**We'll build a land where we bring good tidings
To all the afflicted and those who mourn.
We'll then give them garlands instead of ashes,
oh, we'll build a land where peace is born.**

Chorus ...

**We'll be a land building up ancient cities,
Raising up devastations from old.
Restoring ruins of generations,
oh, we'll be a land of people so bold.**

Chorus ...

**Come build a land where mantles of praises
resound from spirits once faint and once weak.
Where like oaks of righteousness stand her people,
oh, come build the land, my people we seek.**

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

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