

GATHERING IN THE SPIRIT

Music for Meditation

Gathering song

♪♪ God whose love flows like a river~

Shower your Spirit upon us all

God whose grace pours down like summer rain

Shower your Spirit upon us all.

God whose justice calls like crashing thunder,

Make your ever presence known to us.

Hear our prayer, Oh hear our prayer.

Shower your Spirit upon us all.

-words and music: Brett Hesla

Welcome

Territorial Acknowledgement

We acknowledge that we are occupying unceded land of the Strait Salish, ləkʷəŋən 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

**O Great Divine Spirit,
energy of love, furnace of joy,
star at the heart of every galaxy,
warmth at the heart of every being,
sun from whom all living things receive life:
you are the brightness of which our love**

is a small candle's imitation.

You are the struck match of all life.

Ignite us with your love,

burn in us with your beauty.

**Enflame us with joy and delight,
with courage and wisdom.**

**Let no other energy drive us but you alone,
that our lives may shine with the light
of your kindness and mercy and grace.**

~ Steve Garnaas-Holmes

Hymn VU 375 Spirit, Spirit of Gentleness

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.

Scripture: John 15:26-27; 16:4b-15 Reader Owen McCooey
Acts 2:1-21

Reflection: Greg Powell

♪♪ Hymn: VU 578 As a Fire is Meant for Burning

WE GATHER AROUND THE TABLE

Great Thanksgiving (see Insert)

RESPONDING WITH OUR WHOLE HEARTS

Offering Ourselves with our Gifts

♪♪ Spirit of Life, come unto me.
Sing in my heart all the stirring of compassion.
Blow in the wind, rise in the sea;
move in the hand, giving life the shape of justice.
Roots hold me close; wings set me free;
Spirit of Life, come to me, come to me.

The Work of the people

GOING OUT TO SERVE

Hymn MV 145 Draw the Circle Wide

Commissioning and Blessing

Response

♪♪ Dance with the Spirit early in the mornin',
walk with the Spirit throughout the long day.
Work and hope for the new life a-born-in',
listen to the Spirit to show you the way.
~ MV 156~

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

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