

GATHERING IN THE SPIRIT

Music for gathering

Gathering Song

**There is room for all in the shadow of God's wing;
There is room for all, sheltered in God's love.
And I rejoice and sing, "My refuge and my rock,
in whom I trust."**

There is room for all, there is room for all!

-MV 62 words and music: Bruce Harding

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

**Wondrous God, Great Mystery,
your enduring Love and Light fills the universe
and makes a home within our hearts!**

**In giving yourself to us,
you give us to each other.**

**Awaken us this day to Love's song
that it may resound in our voice and in our being
freeing us**

**breathing through us
creating us anew**

**that we be drawn more fully
to share in your heart's desire. Amen**

Hymn MV 27 Creator God, You Give Us Life

SHARING THE GOOD NEWS

Opening to the Word

**Open our hearts, open our minds,
Open our lives to you, O loving God.
Open our hearts ...**

-MV 21 words and music: Jim Strathdee

Scripture reading: Ephesians 3: 14-19

reader: Carol Garceau

Reflection "On the Days When I believe"

from Wholehearted Faith, by Rachel Held Evans

reader: Sarah Hovey

RESPONDING WITH OUR WHOLE HEARTS

Hymn Hosea [words on back of bulletin]

Prayers of the People

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

**Grateful for the life you give us,
Thankful for your Holy Son,
joyful for your Spirit flowing over all O God of Love
Grateful for the bread of heaven,
thankful for your Holy Word,
joyful in your mercy flowing, we will praise you.**

-MV 182 words and music: Tom Tomaszek

GOING OUT TO SERVE

Hymn VU 384 The Lone Wild Bird

Commissioning and Blessing

Response –

**Grant to us your grace O God,
Send us forth in your love.
Grant to us your grace O God,
Send us forth in your love.**

-words and music: Bruce Harding

Hosea

**Come back to me, with all your heart.
Don't let fear keep us apart.
Trees do bend though straight and tall,
So must we to others' call.**

**Long have I waited for your coming home to me
and living deeply our new life.**

**The wilderness will lead you to your heart where I will speak
Integrity and justice with tenderness you shall know.**

**Long have I waited for your coming home to me
and living deeply our new life.**

**You shall sleep secure with peace,
Faithfulness will be your joy ...**

**Long have I waited for your coming home to me
and living deeply our new life.**

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

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