## Worship Outline for May 9th, 2021 Mother's Day

Welcome and Introduction

Candle Lighting and Land Acknowledgement

**Gathering Words** 

Easter joy is for you and for all.
Easter hope stirs in creation.
Let your spirit swell.
Let the borders of your compassion expand.
We join our voices and our lives
To share this joy and hope
As we worship together.

## Opening prayer

Holy One, we gather with one another and with you, noticing the balance of joy and trouble filling our hearts this day. As we settle in to share in worship together, let our hearts be opened to the world. May the joys and troubles of each one here, and all our neighbours be held gently in your love. Let our hearts be opened to your word and your wisdom. In all of this may your kindom be revealed. May burdens be lightened and may hope be restored. Amen.

Hymn: VU 820 "Make a Joyful Noise"

## **Readings:**

Psalm 98 Acts 10:44-48 John 15:9-17 – Linnea Good Video

Hear what the Spirit is saying to the church And let us give thanks.

Reflection

Hymn: MV 154 "Deep in Our Hearts"

Prayers of the People

The Disciple's Prayer

Hymn: VU 556 "Would You Bless Our Homes & Families"

Offering

Benediction

Sung Response: "I Wish You the Blessing" (Oldham/Klusmeier)

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