

GATHERING IN THE SPIRIT

Music for Meditation

Gathering song

♪♪ **Christ circle round us**

Christ, may your light surround us

Shine in our living

Fill our hearts with great Thanksgiving

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 – Richard Wey

Opening Prayer

Gracious and loving Creator, as we gather here this day, we open our hearts to embrace the beauty of new beginnings. We thank you for the boundless joy that graces our lives. Help us to see each day as a fresh start, a new opportunity to love more deeply and serve more faithfully. As the season changes and new life blossoms around us, may our spirits also be refreshed and revitalized in your love. May our worship and our lives always echo the joy and hope that is found in you. Through your grace, may we walk in the light of your love, today and always. In your name, we pray, Amen

♪♪ **Hymn: VU 820 Make a Joyful noise**

Sharing the Peace of Christ

SHARING THE GOOD NEWS

♪♪ **Alleluia** by Jennifer Turner

Part 1
al - le - lu - ia al - le - lu - ia al - le - lu - ia al - le - lu - ia

Part 2
al - le - lu - ia al - le - lu - ia a - l - lu - ia al - le - lu - ia

Scripture: Psalm 98: 4-9 John 15: 9-17

Reader: Mahima Sylvester

♪♪ **Alleluia**

Interview: D'Arcy McPherson and Rev. Greg Powell

Welcome and Blessing of Rev. Greg Powell

♪♪ **Hymn: MV 120 My Soul Cries Out**

WE GATHER AROUND THE TABLE

Prayer of Great Thanksgiving (see insert)

RESPONDING WITH OUR WHOLE HEARTS

Offering Ourselves with our Gifts

♪♪ **Your will be done, be done on earth x3**

Your will be done on earth,

Your will be done on earth.

The Work of the people

GOING OUT TO SERVE

Commissioning and Blessing

♪♪ **Hymn:** You Shall Go Out with Joy (Isaiah 55, VU pg. 884)

**You shall go out with joy and be led forth with peace;
The mountains and the hills will break forth before you,
There will be shouts of joy, and all the trees of the field
Will clap, will clap their hands!
And all the trees of the field will clap their hands,
The trees of the field will clap their hands,
The trees of the field will clap their hands,
While you go out with joy.**

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

**Sunday May 5, 2024
6th Sunday of Easter
Make a Joyful Noise**

