

GATHERING IN THE SPIRIT

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.

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 - D'Arcy Mcpherson

Opening Prayer

**O Holy Mystery,
We open to the wonder of your presence in and among us, surrendering heart, body and mind to your infinite fullness.
There are many things we can't see and can't explain.
Teach us to trust what's hidden and unknown, so we**

may learn to embrace uncertainty, welcome change, and awaken with awe through your ever-flowing grace.

Breathe with us now. Be with us now that we may live and love into the oneness that we are. Amen

Hymn: MV 163 River Running in You and Me

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: 2 Corinthians 4:13-5:1
Reader Chris Bodnarchuk

Reflection: Mahima Silvester

RESPONDING WITH OUR WHOLE HEARTS

Hymn: MV 49 When We Seek Language

Prayers of the People

♪ ♪ **Breathe in, breathe out
Breathe in, breathe out
When I breathe in, I'll breathe in peace
When I breathe out, I'll breathe out love**
--"Meditation on Breathing" by Sarah Dan Jones

Lord's Prayer--First Nations translation
O Great Spirit, our Father from above, we honor your name as sacred and holy. Bring your good road to

us, where the beauty of your ways in the spirit-world
above is reflected in the earth below.
Provide for us day by day-- the elk, the buffalo, and the
salmon. The corn, the squash, and the wild rice.
All the things we need for each day.
Release us from the things we have done wrong,
in the same way we release others for the things
done wrong to us.
Guide us away from the things that tempt us to stray
from your good road, and set us free from the evil one
and his worthless ways. Aho! May it be so!

Offering Ourselves with our Gifts

♪ ♪ **Spirit of Life, come unto me. --VU 381**
Sing in my heart all the stirrings 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 171 Christ Has No Body Now But Yours

Commissioning & Blessing - Words by Jane Doull, *Let us Pray*

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.

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on the journey inward
and the journey outward*

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