

GATHERING IN THE SPIRIT

Music to Enliven

Gathering Song

♪ ♪ **Walk in the Light, the beautiful light
Come where the dewdrops of mercy shine bright
Shine all around us by day and by night
Love is the light of the world.** (trad.)

Welcome: Andre Fontaine

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

Leader: This is such a small light –

Cantor: This small light; Not like sun or moon.
A tiny, fragile glowing; Flickering in this room

Leader: In its fragility, this light illuminates our path, and in
our shared vision, we are led toward new beginnings.

Congregation, Sung:

♪ ♪ **Kindling joy and peace and love within for all who
draw near. Kindling joy and peace and love all draw near.**

Opening Prayer

**For the first showings of the morning light
and the emerging outline of the day
thanks be to you, O God.**

**For earth's colours drawn forth by the sun
its brilliance piercing clouds of darkness
and shimmering though leaves and flowing waters
thanks be to you.**

**Show to me this day
amidst life's dark streaks of wrong and suffering
the light that endures in every person.
Dispel the confusions that cling close to my soul
that I may see with eyes washed by your grace
that I may see myself and all people
with eyes cleansed by the freshness of the new day's
light.** ~ adapted from Celtic Benediction by J. Philip Newell

Opening Hymn

♪ ♪ MV 169 When Hands Reach Out Beyond Divides

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.** ~ MV21~

Scripture Reading: Acts 9: 10-19 ~ Cheryl Macpherson

Reflection ~ "Your Adversary is Human Too!" ~ read by
Mahima Sylvester (excerpt from "The Amen Effect" by Sharon Brous)

RESPONDING WITH OUR WHOLE HEARTS

Hymn: MV 165 There is a Time

Prayers of the People ~ Sarah Hovey

Sung Lord's Prayer

Offering Ourselves with our Gifts

♪ ♪ **Grateful for the life you give us,
Thankful for your Holy Son,
Joyful in 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 ~**

GOING OUT TO SERVE

Hymn: VU 509 I the Lord of Sea & Sky

Commissioning and Blessing

Sung Response ~ VU 646~ Siyahamba

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

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“JULY LIGHT”

Your Adversary is Human Too!

**“The amen effect is an argument for the sacred
and life-changing power of true, heartfelt encounter.”
~ Rabbi Sharon Brous ~**



*Remembering Isabel Clemson ~ Flowers from her family
Photo: Thanks to Carol Garceau*