

Music for Meditation: Jennifer Turner

GATHERING IN THE SPIRIT

Gathering Song ~ Marty Haugen ~

♪ ♪ **Return to God with all your heart,
the source of grace and mercy;
Come seek the tender faithfulness of God.**

Welcome: Rev. Greg Powell

Territorial Acknowledgement

Lighting the Christ Candle (*in silence*)

Opening Prayer

Like Hagar and Elijah

we seek God's voice.

Like Thomas and Job

we bring our questions and our sorrows.

Like Miriam of Egypt and Mary of Nazareth

we bring our joy and our songs.

Like Onesimus and Martha,

we come to serve and to love.

Like Andrew and Mary of Bethany,

we come to learn and to deepen in faith.

We come for different reasons,

But we're glad we are here in God's house.

Friends, let's continue the journey with Jesus
this Lenten season.

We extinguish candles,

as we continue this journey together.

Extinguish Three Tenebrae Candles

Instrumental Meditation

Silent Meditation

Sung Meditation

~ Sarah D. Jones~

♪ ♪ **When I breathe in, I breathe in peace.
When I breathe out, I breathe out love.**

Hymn: VU 111 As the Sun with Longer Journey

Communion

Communion Songs

♪ ♪ **Eat this bread, drink this cup;
come to me and never be hungry.
Eat this bread, drink this cup;
trust in me and you will not thirst**

~ VU 466 ~

♪ ♪ **Bread for the world: a world of hunger.
Wine for all peoples: people who thirst. May
we who eat be bread for others.
May we who drink pour out our love**

~ Bernadette Farrell ~

Sharing the Peace of Christ

SHARING THE GOOD NEWS

♪ ♪ **Listen in the silence, listen in the noise,
listen for the sound of the Spirit's voice.** ~ Linnea Good

Scripture Reading: Luke 13:1-9

Reader: Sarah Hovey

Reflection: Rev. Greg Powell

Hymn: VU 503 When Seed Falls on Good Soil
~ (sung to VU 714)

Offering Ourselves with our Gifts

RESPONDING WITH OUR WHOLE HEARTS

Offertory Response ~ Carolyn McDade ~

♪ ♪ **To this day I bring my life, born of hope,
born of sand. Yearning joy where now there's strife,
All I have, all I am. Help me to see what I must see,
Help me to be where I must be,
Restless faith abide 'til all are free,
Fill my life, turn my hand.**

Announcements: Work of the People

GOING OUT TO SERVE

Hymn: MV 144 Like a Healing Stream

Commissioning and Blessing

Response ~ VU 23 ~

♪ ♪ **Joy shall come even to the wilderness,
and the parched land shall then know great gladness,
as the rose, as the rose shall deserts blossom,
deserts like a garden blossom.**

**For living springs shall give cool water,
in the desert streams shall flow.**

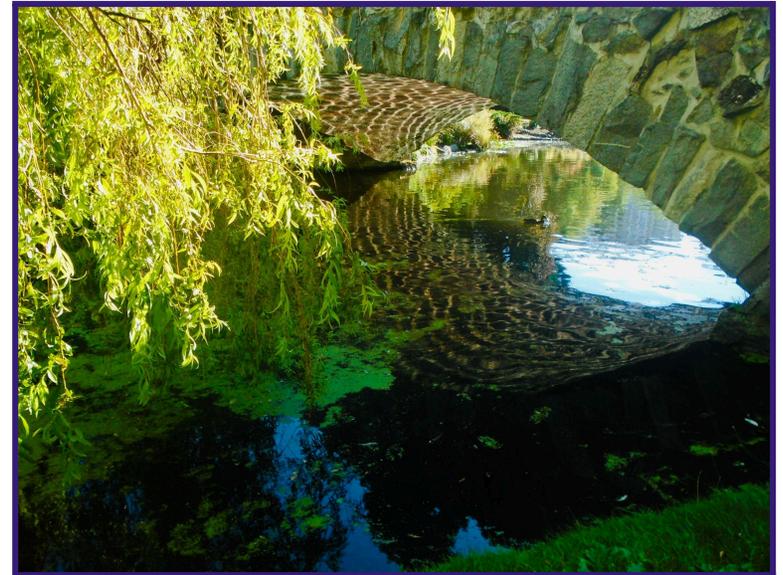
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*Following in the way of Jesus
on the journey inward
and the journey outward*

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