

Music to Celebrate Creation

GATHERING IN THE SPIRIT

Gathering Song ~ VU 415 ~
♪♪ **God, we praise you for the morning; hope springs forth with each new day, new beginning, prayer, and promise, joy in work and in play.**

God, we praise you for creation, mountains, seas, and prairie land. Waking souls find joy and healing in your bountiful hand.

Hallelujah!

Welcome: Mahima Silvester

Territorial Acknowledgement

Standing on the traditional territories of the ləkʷəŋən-speaking peoples – the Songhees and Esquimalt Nations – we acknowledge their enduring relationship with this land and their teachings that call us to live in harmony with the earth. We commit ourselves to learning from their example, to walking gently upon the earth, and to nurturing a relationship with creation that reflects justice, harmony and respect.

Lighting the Christ Candle: Owen McCooley

Opening Prayer

**For the might of your wind on the waters
for the swelling of the open sea
and the rushing of crested waves
Thanks be to you, O God.
For the strength of desire in my body
for the sap of life that flows
and the yearnings for birth and abundance
Thanks be to you.** ... >

**Restore us in the image of your love this day
that the longings of our hearts may be true.
Restore us in the image of your love this day
that our passions for life may be full.**

~ from J. Philip Newell ~

Hymn MV 30 It's a Song of Praise to the Maker

Sharing the Peace of Christ

SHARING THE GOOD NEWS

♪♪ **Alleluia! Your words, O God, are spirit and life. Alleluia! Open our hearts to your word.**

~ Bernadette Farrell ~

Scripture Selections: Luke 12: 24; Matthew 6:28-29;
Mark 4: 26-28; Mark 4:31-32; John 15:5

Readers: Karen Halliday & Mahima Silvester

Reflection: Colleen Nichol "The World is Alive with the Grandeur of God" (title from "God's Grandeur" by Gerard Manley Hopkins)

RESPONDING WITH OUR WHOLE HEARTS

Hymn VU 187 The Spring Has Come

Prayers of the People: Sarah Hovey

Lord's Prayer for Earth Day:

**Abiding Spirit, surrounding us in love,
honoured be your name.**

Your Kin-dom grows in all Creation.

**Sacred is the work of the greening and guarding
of the earth. Your breath moves about and
through us as we walk your ways.**

**Fill us with the bread of your word;
forgive the errors of our ways, just as we forgive
the errors of those around us.** ... >

**Guard the greening path we walk, and keep those
who would do us harm far from our travels.
We praise the Kin-dom of your Universe,
filled with the power of your love
in all our yesterdays, todays, and tomorrows,
Now and forever more. Amen**

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Offering Ourselves with our Gifts

**♪♪ Praise God from whom all blessings flow!
Praise God all creatures high and low. Alleluia! Alleluia!
Give thanks to God in love made known
Creator, Christ and Spirit, one
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!**

Minute for Ministry: Climate Action Mark Ziegler

The Work of the People

GOING OUT TO SERVE

Hymn VU 703 In the Bulb There Is a Flower

Commissioning and Blessing

Response

**♪♪ Behold, behold, I make all things new, beginning with
you and starting from today. Behold, behold, I make all
things new, my promise is true, for I am Christ the way.**

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

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