

Gathering Music – Jennifer Turner

## GATHERING IN THE SPIRIT

Gathering song

~ VU 295 ~

♪♪ **The earth and all who breathe exist through love divine, who formed the sea, the flowering tree, the wren, the fragrant pine.**

**Each creature of the earth, created from the dust, is called to share Creation's care, a sacred living trust.**

♪ **Creation now awaits humanity's rebirth, at last to claim one common aim: to nurture life on earth.**

**Awake, all humankind, the challenge now awaits; apply your strength, your voice, your means, as stewards of God's grace.**

Welcome: Rev Greg Powell

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. We commit ourselves to walking gently upon the earth, and to nurturing a relationship with creation and all peoples that reflects justice, harmony and respect.**

Lighting the Christ Candle

Opening Prayer

**Holy Mystery, in you there is no beginning and no end, but rather an endless flow of love and grace. In you each of us had a place of belonging. When we turn away from you, you wait. But now we turn back toward you, asking to know your presence. Be in our praying and singing. Help us to discover more of you. Make your desires for our lives be known. Renew us. Amen**

Hymn VU 415 God We Praise You for the Morning

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 reading: John 21: 1-19

Read by: Janice Langley

Reflection: Rev. Greg Powell

## RESPONDING WITH OUR WHOLE HEARTS

Hymn MV 171 Christ Has No Body Now But Yours

Prayers of the People

Lord's Prayer:

**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! Alleluia! Alleluia!**

Minute for Ministry – Hospitality

The Work of the People

### **GOING OUT TO SERVE**

Hymn VU 578 As a Fire Is Meant for Burning

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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on the journey inward  
and the journey outward*

**Third Sunday of Easter**  
**May 4, 2025**

