

Gathering Music: Jennifer Turner

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: 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 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

Opening Prayer

**Holy Mystery, we gather again to give you thanks and to
declare your creation good. We proclaim the goodness
of all life. As we tell and hear stories of your magnificent
works, we remind ourselves of our task to care for that
which you create and renew. Remind us when we forget
that we are in this together as partners co-creating the
kind of world worthy to be called your Kin-dom. Help us
to see your grace in everyday things from the mundane
to the magnificent. Help us to pray from the heart and
sing to the rafters. Amen.**

Hymn: VU 409 Morning Has Broken

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: Psalm 23 VU 747 (**sung**);
Acts 9:36-43 Read by: Carol Yanisch

Reflection: Rev. Greg Powell

RESPONDING WITH OUR WHOLE HEARTS

Hymn: VU 703 In the Bulb There Is a Flower

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, today, and tomorrows,
Now and forever more. Amen**

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OFFERING OURSELVES WITH OUR GIFTS

Offertory Response

♪♪ **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

The Work of the People

GOING OUT TO SERVE

Hymn: MV 143 We Cannot Own the Sunlit Sky

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*

**Happy Mother's Day!
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