

Music: Jennifer Turner

GATHERING IN THE SPIRIT

Gathering Song ~ MV 41 ~
♪ ♪ **O beautiful Gaia, O Gaia, calling us home.
O beautiful Gaia, calling us on.**

Welcome: D'Arcy McPherson

Territorial Acknowledgement
The area now known as James Bay was home to the Kosapsum and the Songhees long before contact with explorers and travelers from far away. The list of injustices between then and now is long. We commit to the path of reconciliation, that all may be one.

Lighting the Christ Candle: Colleen Nichol

♪ **Kindle a flame to lighten the dark** ~ VU 19 ~
And take all fear away.

Opening Prayer: Cheryl Macpherson

Eternal flame, Spirit of God, we enter this time with open hearts, seeking your transformative power. Ignite within us a purifying fire that burns away what is old and dead, making way for new life and purpose. We ask that the flame of your love burn brightly in us. May your presence consume darkness and renew us from within. Transform our weaknesses into strength, our fears into courage, and our weariness into endurance. Kindle our souls with divine love and passion so that your fire of transformation may spread from each of us as a burning light of hope and love to all around us. Amen.

Hymn VU 282 Long Before the Night

Sharing the Peace of Christ

Instrumental Meditation

Silent Meditation

Sung Meditation ~ Bernadette Farrell ~
♪ **Spirit of life, rest on your people;
Waken your song deep in our hearts.**

SHARING THE GOOD NEWS

Scripture Reading: Exodus 3:1-6
Read by: Sarah Hovey

♪ **Alleluia, your word oh God is spirit and life.
Alleluia, open our hearts to your word.**
~ Bernadette Farrell ~

Reflection: Deborah Davis

Hymn VU 278 In the Quiet Curve of Evening

RESPONDING WITH OUR WHOLE HEARTS

Prayers of the People: Rev. Mary White

Offering Ourselves with our Gifts ~ MV 44 ~
♪ **Shadow and substance, wonder and mystery,
Spellbinding spinner of atoms and earth;
Soul of the cosmos, person and energy.
Source of our being, we sing of your worth.**

Work of the People

GOING OUT TO SERVE

Hymn VU 374 Come and Find the Quiet Centre

Commissioning and Blessing

Response ~ MV 92 ~

♪ Like a rock, like a rock, God is under our feet. Like the starry night sky God is over our head. Like the sun on the horizon God is ever before. Like the river runs to ocean, Our home is in God evermore.

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

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God Unites With Us Through Fire

