

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.**

**Soil yielding its harvest, O Gaia, calling us home.
Soil yielding its harvest, calling us on.**

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Welcome: Rev. Greg Powell

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

Celebrating the Elements

Choir Anthem: For the Autumn Sky ~ Ruth Elaine Schram ~

Opening Prayer

**Holy Mystery,
With cleansing water, we are renewed.
On solid earth, we find our roots in you.
By burning fires, we are overcome with wonder.
On your breath, we move and find freedom.
Through it all, you nourish us and unite with us. And
so we thank you in word, song, thought, and action.
Remind us of your eternal presence and love. Amen**

Hymn VU 232 Joyful, Joyful We Adore You (Vs. 1,2,3)

Sharing the Peace of Christ

Parents may take children to the Sunday Kids room.

Instrumental Meditation

Silent Meditation

Sung Meditation ~ VU 411 ~

♪ **O God we call, O God we call,
from deep inside we yearn,
from deep inside we yearn for you.**

SHARING THE GOOD NEWS

Scripture Readings: Luke 5:29-32,
Read by: Janice Langley

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

Reflection

Hymn VU 227 For the Fruit of All Creation

RESPONDING WITH OUR WHOLE HEARTS

Communion

♪ **Bread for the journey, food for the way.
Cup of God's blessing, tomorrow, today.** ~ VU 466 ~

♪ **Bread of life, hope of the world, Jesus Christ,
our brother: feed us now, give us life, lead us to
one another.** ~ Bernadette Farrell ~

Offering Ourselves with our Gifts ~ VU 518 ~

♪ **A world in need now summons us to labour,
love, and give; to make our life an offering to God,
that all may live. The church of Christ is calling us
to make the dream come true: a world redeemed,
by Christ-like love, all life in Christ made new.**

Work of the People

GOING OUT TO SERVE

Hymn **On This Good Earth**

On this good earth, God's generous creation, all people have the right to live and share, and when our footprint marks a mindful measure, one step is taken for the world's repair

In this good earth that crumbles in our fingers we plant the food for more than present need: the health and hope of future generations lies in our care of water air and seed.

On this good earth where famine stalks the hungry, where drought is death and starving creatures cry, we pray to God for will to use more wisely the power we wield, the confidence to try.

On this good earth that pulses with life's rhythm, we pray for greening of another Spring, and learn the costs of wasting God's abundance when we're forgetful of its nourishing.

From this good earth, let voices rise in worship to thank our God for marvels given birth, the gifts of life in bounty and in beauty, our privilege to care for this good earth.

Commissioning and Blessing

Response

~ MV 143 ~

♪ ♪ **With open hands receive and share the gifts of God's creation, that all may have abundant life in every earthly nation.**

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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 Food



Happy Thanksgiving!