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Prelude
Welcome and Announcements
Land Acknowledgement

Call to Worship *(Bill Steadman, Gathering 2023)*

We come into this space, prepared to celebrate the God of energy, life, and truth, aware of the needs of the world, and open to the Spirit that leads us. May God guide us on our journey.

May God support us as we seek to share life and truth with others.

We come at this moment, aware of the variety of needs that surround us and open to a future yet to be revealed. May God guide us on our journey.

May God encourage us as we follow the Way, reaching out with hope and goodwill toward others.

In words and in songs, in stories and in prayers, in quiet times and in happy times, God is with us. In this time of worship God is with us.

Thanks be to God. May God guide us on our journey.

Opening Hymn: *Make a Joyful Noise* VU 820

Opening Prayer *(Phyllis Fleming, Gathering, 2023)*

God of all ages, God of the present time,
we lift our spirits to praise you this day.

Jesus our saviour, Jesus our resurrection,
we honour you and glorify your name.

Holy Spirit, Great Mystery,
We release our cares into your loving presence.

Inspire us, teach us, and love us.

In the name of the Holy Trinity, we pray. Amen.

Children's Chat -Victoria Walkes

Hymn: *Come, Let us Sing* (alt. 235) VU 228

Scripture Exodus 17: 1-7, John 4:5-42

Psalm: Psalm 95 p. 814

Sermon *Seeking God in Unexpected Places*

Special Music: *I Know that my Redeemer Liveth* -G. Handel
Solo by Michelle Johnston

Offertory

Prayer of Dedication

Pastoral Prayer followed by the Lord's Prayer

CELEBRATION OF COMMUNION

WELCOMING TO THE TABLE

You are welcome at this table, no matter who you are or where you are on your journey of faith. All are welcome to come to this table whether you have been coming all your life or have never come before. All are welcome to this table regardless of your age, faith tradition, ability, gender, or sexual orientation or other differences. Come because you have been invited and there is a place set just for you. If you are hungry for more than bread and thirsty for more than wine, this table is for you. These are the gifts of a good earth and a gracious God for you, God's beloved people.

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

The Great Mystery of God be with you,
 And also with you.

May it be well with your heart this day.
 And with yours.

Blessed are you, gracious God,
Creator of light, Giver of all life, Source of love.

You guide the sun, cradle the moon, and toss the stars.

**At your word the earth was made
and spun on its course among the planets.**

**You breathe life into us
and set us among all your creatures,
in a covenant of love and service.**

Even when we turn away from you, you do not forsake us.

You send your prophets to proclaim your justice,
to remind us of your promise of peace, and to call us back to you.

**Creator, Christ, and Spirit,
we praise you for your love revealed to us in Jesus,
who walks with us, our Wisdom and our Way,
sharing our joy and sorrow,**

healing the sick,
feeding the hungry,
and setting the captive free.

So it is that we join the song of all creation to proclaim your goodness:

Holy, Holy, Holy, God,
our life, our mercy, and our might.
Heaven and earth are full of your glory. Thanks be to God.

BREAKING THE BREAD AND PRAYERS

On the night in which he was betrayed,
Jesus took bread, and gave thanks;
broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying:
Take eat; this is my body, given for you.
Do this for the remembrance of me.
Again, after supper he took the cup, gave thanks,
and gave it for all to drink, saying:
This cup is the cup of new life
given for you and for all people
in the struggle for God's kingdom.
Do this for the remembrance of me.

Holy God, we remember your Son,
his life with the humble,
his death among the wretched,
his resurrection for us all:
your wisdom our guide,
your justice our strength,
your grace our path to rebirth.

Holy God, we beg for your Spirit.
Enliven this bread, awaken this body,
pour us out for each other.
Transfigure our minds, ignite your church.
Nourish the life of the earth.
Make us, while many, united.
Make us, though broken, whole.

SHARING THE BREAD FOR STRENGTH AND THE CUP FOR WISDOM

COMMUNION MUSIC

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

We give thanks, almighty God,
that you have refreshed us at your table
by granting us the presence of Jesus Christ.

**May his presence among us
provoke such longing for your realm,
that we will never be satisfied
until the whole earth knows
your justice, your peace, and your love.**

May your gifts of love transform and enliven us
that we may live lives of thanksgiving.

**Strengthen our faith,
increase our love for one another,
and send us forth into the world
united in courage and peace,
rejoicing in the power of the Holy Spirit;
through Jesus Christ our Saviour. Amen.**

Closing Hymn: O Jesus, I Have Promised VU 120

Commissioning and Benediction *(Jani Francis, Gathering 2023)*

Loving God we are grateful for the earth upon which we live, yet we are also aware of a mighty healing wave needed in the world, in your world, your beautiful, but broken creation. Ever-present God, help us to surrender and remember. Help us to pay attention to the cry of Creation and to learn from the lessons in nature, lessons of reawakening in new life, new growth, and new beginning. [Creator] of all beings may we soak up your love and forgiveness as we move into a new way of being and of mindful participation in the world, understanding that we are part of creation doing the sacred work of your [heart].

Postlude

