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WE GATHER AS GOD'S PEOPLE

Gathering Song

Come Touch our Hearts

MV 12

*Come touch our hearts that we may know compassion,
from failing embers build a blazing fire;
love strong enough to overturn injustice,
to seek a world more gracious, come touch and bless our hearts.*

*Come touch our souls that we may know and love you,
your quiet presence all our fears dispel;
create a space for spirit to grow in us,
let life and beauty fill us, come touch and bless our souls.*

*Come touch us now, this people who are gathered,
to break the bread and share the cup of peace;
that we may love you with our heart, our soul,
our mind, our strength, our all, come touch us with your grace.*

Worship Call

Come, let us celebrate the forgiving, reconciling love of God.

***For once we were lost and felt so far away;
now we have been found and welcomed home.***

Know that God's love is lavished upon you forever.

***We rejoice at the news of reconciliation and hope!
Come, let us celebrate as we worship in this place.***

Acknowledging the Land *and* Candle Lighting

Prayer of Approach

*Beloved Creator: with the eagerness of a child, you wait for our coming,
with the urgency and anxiety of a parent you long for our return: your arms ache to hold us.
The disappointment, the judgment, the turning away, that's us, not you.*

*Forgive us and heal us of everything in us that recoils from our common humanity.
You have given us such worth; help us to take all creation at your valuation
and to know ourselves, and all your children, as precious and loved. Amen*

And Now For Something Completely Different

Sing

Love is the Touch

MV89 v.1,2,3

*Love is the touch of intangible joy;
love is the force that no fear can destroy;
love is the goodness we gladly applaud:
God is where love is, for love is of God.*

*Love is the lilt in a lingering voice;
love is the hope that can make us rejoice;
love is the cure for the frightened and flawed:
God is where love is, for love is of God.*

*Love is the light in the tunnel of pain;
love is the will to be whole once again;
love is the trust of a friend on the road:
God is where love is, for love is of God.*

WE LISTEN FOR GOD'S WORD

Prayer of Illumination

*Join with us, living God, as we meet around your word and reflect upon it.
Encourage us, inspire us. Amen.*

Listening to Ancient Story **Luke 15:1-3, 11-32** The Message Translation

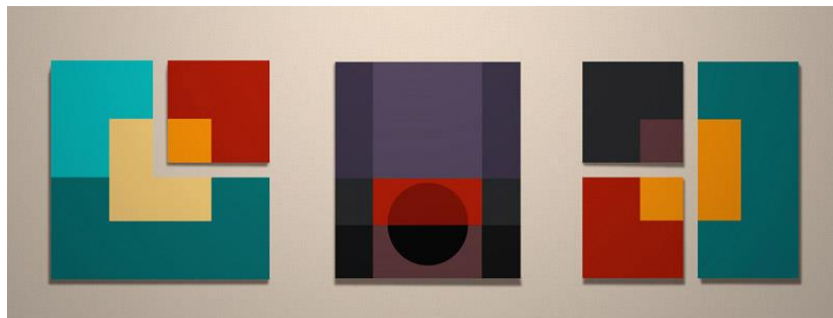
Gift of music

In the Arms of an Angel

Sarah McLachlan

Sermon

Lost things



Sing

There's a Wideness in God's Mercy

VU 271v1,4,5

*There's a wideness in God's mercy
like the wideness of the sea;
there's a kindness in God's justice
which is more than liberty.*

*Troubled souls, why will you scatter
like a crowd of frightened sheep?
Foolish hearts, why will you wander
from a love so true and deep?*

*For the love of God is broader
than the measures of the mind,
and the heart of the Eternal
is most wonderfully kind*

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

Responding to God and Community

Sing our response:

Touch the Earth Lightly

VU 307 v.1,2,4

*Touch the earth lightly, use the earth gently,
nourish the life of the world in our care:
gift of great wonder, ours to surrender,
trust for the children tomorrow will bear.*

*Let there be greening, birth from the burning,
water that blesses and air that is sweet,
health in God's garden, hope in God's children,
regeneration that peace will complete.*

*God of all living, God of all loving,
God of the seedling, the snow and the sun,
teach us, deflect us, Christ reconnect us,
using us gently and making us one.*

Praying for people and the world

Sing

Listen, God is Calling

MV 97

Listen, God is calling, through the word inviting,

Offering forgiveness, comfort and joy,

Benediction & Commissioning

Sing blessing

Go Now in Peace

*Go Now in Peace, never be afraid;
God will go with you each hour of every day.
Go now in faith steadfast and true;
Know God will guide you in all you do.*

*Go now in love and show you believe;
Reach out to others so all the world can see.
God will be there, watching from above,
Go now in peace, in faith, and in love.*