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WE GATHER AS GOD'S PEOPLE

Gathering Song

Where Two or Three are Gathered

MV 14

*Where two or three are gathered in my name,
I am there, I am there.*

Worship Call

God says to us:

“I am about to do a new thing; now it springs forth; do you see it?”

Can we see it? Are we ready?

God says to us:

“I am making my way through the wilderness and rivers in the desert
to give drink to my people.”

Can we taste it? Are we ready?

God says to us:

“If you are my people, now is the time to declare your praise.”

Who are we? Will we follow God?

The time is now. God is making a new thing right now.

***Let us look for God, thirst for God,
follow God and worship God together, right now.***

Acknowledging the Land

Candle Lighting

In memory of Jean Collins

Prayer of Approach

Gracious God, this Lenten journey seems so long sometimes, and we are impatient.

We want to ask, are we there yet? And fast forward to the joy of Easter.

But we know that we must live in this moment – in hope.

***Loving God, strengthen us for the days ahead as we walk the path of Jesus:
toward Jerusalem, toward the cross, toward death.***

May we remember the promise of new life and may we find blessing on this journey. Amen

And Now for Something Completely Different

Sing

Spirit, Open My Heart

MV 79

*Spirit, open my heart to the joy and pain of living.
As you love may I love, in receiving and in giving,
Spirit, open my heart.*

*God, replace my stony heart
with a heart that's kind and tender.
All my coldness and fear
to your grace I now surrender.*

*Spirit, open my heart to the joy and pain of living.
As you love may I love, in receiving and in giving,
Spirit, open my heart.*

*Write your love upon my heart
as my law, my goal, my story.
In each thought, word, and deed,
may my living bring you glory.*

*Spirit, open my heart to the joy and pain of living.
As you love may I love, in receiving and in giving,
Spirit, open my heart.*

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.*

John 12:1-8

New Revised Standard Version

Gift of music

The Long Day is Over

Norah Jones

Sermon

What does Jesus Smell Like

Sing

A Prophet Woman Broke a Jar

VU 590 v.1,3,4

*A prophet-woman broke a jar,
by Love's divine appointing.
With rare perfume she filled the room,
presiding and anointing.
A prophet-woman broke a jar,*

*the sneers of scorn defying.
With rare perfume she filled the room,
preparing Christ for dying.*

*Though woman-wisdom, woman-truth,
for centuries were hidden,
unsung, unwritten, and unheard,
derided and forbidden,
the Spirit's breath, the Spirit's fire,
on free and slave descending,
can tumble our dividing walls,
our shame and sadness mending.*

*The Spirit knows, the Spirit calls,
by Love's divine ordaining,
the friends we need to serve and lead,
their powers and gifts unchaining.
The Spirit knows, the Spirit calls,
from women, men, and children,
the friends we need, to serve and lead.
Rejoice, and make them welcome!*

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

Responding to God and Community

Sing our response:

Bathe Me in Your Light

MV 82

*Bathe me in your light, O God of All, Creator;
let it shine upon my soul with healing and with grace.
Be to me a beacon bright through shadows of life's wounding,
showing me the way to live in faith, in your embrace.*

*Bathe me in your love, O Source of Awe and Wonder;
help me walk the sacred path of harmony and peace.
May I be attentive to the musings of your presence,
drinking from the well of hope that brings the heart release.*

*Bathe me in your grace, O One of Spirit's longing;
teach me of your gentle ways that fill the soul with strength.
Guide me on the pilgrimage that leads to truth and wholeness,
Fill me with your promise of a love that knows no length.*

Praying for people and the world

Sing

How Firm a Foundation

VU 660

*How firm a foundation, you servants of God,
is laid for your faith in God's excellent word!
What more can be said than to you has been said,
to you who for refuge to Jesus have fled?*

*'Fear not, I am with you; O be not dismayed!
For I am your God and will still give you aid;
I'll strengthen and help you, and cause you to stand,
upheld by my righteous omnipotent hand.*

*'When through the deep waters I call you to go,
the rivers of sorrow shall not overflow;
for I will be with you, your troubles to bless,
and sanctify to you your deepest distress.*

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.*