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**June 19, 2022 – Father’s Day**

**WE GATHER AS GOD’S PEOPLE**

**Gathering Song**

Oh a Song Must Rise

MV 142 v.3

*Oh a song must rise for the spirit to descend Oh a song must rise once again  
Singing out God’s praises and glory, the faithful voices blend,  
Oh a song must rise for the spirit to descend.*

*From ev’ry house of worship, in ev’ry faith and tongue,  
a song must rise once again. From the villages and cities  
a new song must be sung, a song must rise for the spirit to descend.*

*Oh a song must rise for the spirit to descend Oh a song must rise once again  
Singing out God’s praises and glory, the faithful voices blend,  
Oh a song must rise for the spirit to descend.*

**Worship Call**

Relationships with Fathers can be complicated

***For some of us a father’s love is like God’s love, deep, wide, too strong to measure.***

Some of our dads are here, some never have been.

***For some of us, God’s love fills empty spaces left behind by others***

All of us are shaped by our relationships with fathers

***On this day when we acknowledge what it means to have a father or be a father, we recognize the importance people who father our communities. We gather here to support, love, and nurture people as they father among us, manifesting the love of God in all their endeavours.***

**Candle Lighting**

**Acknowledging the Land**

**Sing**

There is Room for All

MV 62

*There is room for all in the shadow of God’s wing;  
there is room for all, sheltered in God’s love.  
And I rejoice and sing, “My refuge and my rock, in whom I trust.”  
There is room for all, there is room for all!*

## Prayer of Approach

*God, we gather today and remember people who have fathered us. We honour people who shape our values and our beliefs and gather to celebrate people who are examples to us. We honour those who stand up against oppression and injustice and we acknowledge that there is no pedestal that anyone can stand on for very long. We honour people who are authentic, aware, and true to themselves in service to the world and we are grateful for their impact on our lives and for the life lessons we have learned from them. Amen*

## WE LISTEN FOR GOD'S WORD

### And Now for Something Completely Different

*Sing*                                      Into the Unshaped Silence                                      VU 305 v.1,2,5

*Into the unshaped silence sings the sound of God's own voice.  
The darkness bows to light newborn, the moon and stars rejoice.*

*Each day unfolds with wonders new, first grass, first tree, first bird!  
Plain, peak, and vale all take their place, each shaped by God's own word.*

*God calls us all to join and sing the wonder of the earth  
and through our careful stewardship to guard creation's worth.*

## Prayer of Illumination

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

### Sharing Ancient Story                      Galatians 3: 23-29

*Gift of music*                      Just the Two of Us                                      Ralph McDonald

*Sermon*                                      Who's Your Daddy

*Sing*                                      Let Us Build a House                                      MV 1

*Let us build a house where love can dwell and all can safely live,  
a place where saints and children tell how hearts learn to forgive.  
Built of hopes and dreams and visions, rock of faith and vault of grace;  
here the love of Christ shall end divisions:  
All are welcome, all are welcome, all are welcome in this place.*

*Let us build a house where hands will reach beyond the wood and stone  
to heal and strengthen, serve and teach, and live the Word they've known.  
Here the outcast and the stranger bear the image of God's face;  
let us bring an end to fear and danger:*

*All are welcome, all are welcome, all are welcome in this place.*

*Let us build a house where all are named, their songs and visions heard  
and loved and treasured, taught and claimed as words within the Word.  
Built of tears and cries and laughter, prayers of faith and songs of grace;  
let this house proclaim from floor to rafter:*

*All are welcome, all are welcome, all are welcome in this place.*

## **WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD**

### **Responding to God and Community**

#### ***Sing Response***

In Loving Partnership We Come

VU 603 v.1

*In loving partnership we come, seeking, O God, your will to do.  
Our prayers and actions now receive; we freely offer them to you.*

### ***Praying for people and the world***

#### ***Sing***

River

MV 3 v.1,3,4

*River, rush-a-down to the ocean blue, River from a mountain high.  
River, as you do what rivers do, River, draw the Spirit nigh.*

*Spirit, come-a-down to the riverside, Spirit, spark of wondrous thought.  
Spirit, I am free for you to guide, Spirit, pray that I be taught!*

*River, flow-a-down where you ran before, River, source of clearer view.  
River, as I walk your rocky shore, River, see my journey through.  
See my journey through.*

### **Benediction & Commissioning**

#### ***Sing blessing***

We are One

VU 402 v.4

*We are one as we hear, as we hear, heart and hand unite;  
in the word we receive there's a sense that God is light.  
We are one as we leave, as we love, we are loved;  
and we seek justice in God's ways as we move together from this place.*