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WE GATHER AS GOD'S PEOPLE

Gathering Song

Prepare the Way of our God

VU 10

*Prepare the way of our God!
Prepare the way of our God!
Make a straight path for God, make a straight path;
prepare the way of our God!*

Worship Call

Do we come here just to show off how spiritual we are?

Why are we here?

Not to show that we are wonderful people,

but to become better people.

To strengthen our spirits as we seek to live out God's call:

Stand up against wrong.

Learn to do good.

Work for justice.

Help the down-and-out.

Stand up for the homeless.

Go to bat for the defenseless.

May this time of worship call us to plant good seeds in the world.

Candle Lighting

Acknowledging the Land

Sing

Jesus Bids Us Shine

VU 585

*Jesus bids us shine with a pure, clear light,
like a little candle burning in the night.
In this world is darkness, so let us shine,
you in your small corner, and I in mine.*

*Jesus bids us shine first of all for him;
well he sees and knows it if our light grows dim:
Jesus walks beside us to help us shine,
you in your small corner, and I in mine.*

Prayer of Approach (based on Hebrew 11)

*Faith is the assurance of things hoped for,
the conviction of things not seen.*

We come convinced of many things but trusting very few.

*God of limitless surprises, meet us here in this place
as we touch that which we cannot see*

and that which we have not dared to hope.

Amen

WE LISTEN FOR GOD'S WORD

And Now for Something Completely Different

Sing

And When You Call for Me

MV 96

And when you call for me, I have already answered.

And when you call for me, I am already there.

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

Isaiah 1:1,10-20

New Revised Standard Version

Gift of music

Sermon

Arguing it Out

Sing

All Earth is Waiting

VU 5

*All earth is waiting to see the Promised One,
and open furrows await the seed of God.*

*All the world, bound and struggling, seeks true liberty;
it cries out for justice and searches for the truth.*

Thus says the prophet to those of Israel,

'A virgin mother will bear Emmanuel.'

*One whose name is 'God with us', our Saviour shall be,
through whom hope will blossom once more within our hearts.*

*Mountains and valleys will have to be made plain,
open new highways, new highways for our God,
who is now coming closer, so come all and see,
and open the doorways as wide as wide can be.*

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

Responding to God and Community

Sing Response

Let There be Light

VU 679

*Let there be light, let there be understanding,
let all the nations gather, let them be face to face;*

*open our lips, open our minds to ponder,
open the door of concord, opening into grace;*

*your kingdom come, your spirit turn to language,
your people speak together, your spirit never fade;*

Praying for people and the world

Sing

Jesus Christ is Waiting

VU 117

*Jesus Christ is waiting, waiting in the streets;
no one is his neighbour, all alone he eats.
Listen, my Jesus, I am lonely too.
Make me, friend or stranger, fit to wait on you.*

*Jesus Christ is raging, raging in the streets,
where injustice spirals and real hope retreats.
Listen, my Jesus, I am angry too.
In the Kingdom's causes let me rage with you.*

*Jesus Christ is calling, calling in the streets,
'Who will join my journey? I will guide their feet.'
Listen, my Jesus, let my fears be few.
Walk one step before me; I will follow you.*

Benediction & Commissioning

Sing blessing

May the God of Peace

MV 224

*May the God of peace and of all good,
may the God of peace and of all good
be always with you.
Amen! May God's peace be with you.
Amen!*