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WE GATHER AS GOD'S PEOPLE

Gathering Song Come and Find the Quiet Centre VU 374 V. 1,2,3

*Come and find the quiet centre
in the crowded life we lead,
find the room for hope to enter,
find the frame where we are freed:
clear the chaos and the clutter,
clear our eyes, that we can see
all the things that really matter,
be at peace, and simply be.*

*Silence is a friend who claims us,
cools the heat and slows the pace,
God it is who speaks and names us,
knows our being, face to face,
making space within our thinking,
lifting shades to show the sun,
raising courage when we're shrinking,*

*In the Spirit let us travel,
open to each other's pain,
let our loves and fears unravel,
celebrate the space we gain:
there's a place for deepest dreaming,
there's a time for heart to care,
in the Spirit's lively scheming
there is always room to spare!*

Worship Call

Most Holy and Wondrous God,
You have known me before you formed me in my mother's womb.
***Before I was born You consecrated me,
deeming me worthy to learn Your Word and live in a holy fashion.***
I come before You this morning, and each morning,
***with a heart and mind needing filling of Your Word
and knowledge of how I may live my life according to Your Word.***
Fill me up; fill me up with Your Word.
Grant me the wisdom and understanding to live my life
as You created me for.

***I call out to the Holy Spirit to give that which I need,
so I may worship You fully and live in peace that only You can give. Amen.***

Candle Lighting

Acknowledging the Land

Sing

By the Well, a Thirsty Woman

MV 117

By the well, a thirsty woman
found the life that you could give,
we, too, thirst like empty vessels –
fill us full that we may live.
Jesus, source of living water,
Wellspring bubbling deep within,
By the waters of our baptism
wisdom purpose life begin.

Plant us firm, like trees by water,
send our roots down deep in you,
quench our parched and thirsty spirits
with your water, pure and true.
Jesus, source of living water,
Nourisher of all on earth,
By the waters of our baptism
quicken growth and give new birth.

May we be your streams of justice,
as the water, may we move
through your people by your Spirit
showing mercy, sharing love.
Jesus, source of living water,
Groundswell forcing truth to view,
By the waters of our baptism
set us free to live for you.

Prayer of Approach

In you, O Lord, I take refuge; let me never be put to shame.
In your righteousness deliver me and rescue me; incline your ear to me and save me.

*Jesus came bringing us hope, Jesus came bringing us hope,
Jesus came bringing us hope, hallelujah forever more !*

Be to me a rock of refuge, a strong fortress, to save me, for you are my rock and my fortress.
Rescue me, O my God, from the hand of the wicked, from the grasp of the unjust and cruel.

*Jesus came bringing us peace, Jesus came bringing us peace,
Jesus came bringing us peace, hallelujah, forever more !*

For you, O Lord, are my hope, my trust, O Lord, from my youth.
Upon you I have leaned from my birth; it was you who took me from my mother's womb.
My praise is continually of you.

*Jesus came bringing us love, Jesus came bringing us love,
Jesus came bringing us love, hallelujah, forever more !*
Amen.

WE LISTEN FOR GOD'S WORD

And Now for Something Completely Different

Sing Don't Be Afraid MV 90 (in Taize Style)

*Don't be afraid. My love is stronger,
my love is stronger than your fear.
Don't be afraid. My love is stronger
and I have promised, promised to be always near. Repeat*

Prayer of Illumination

Sharing Ancient Story **Luke 13:10-17** **NRSV**

Gift of music Just a Closer Walk with Thee Steven Webb

Sermon How's Your Spirit Lately?

Sing Be Still My Soul VU 652

*Be still, my soul, for God is on your side;
bear patiently the cross of grief or pain.
Trust in your God, your saviour and your guide,
who through all changes faithful will remain.
Be still, my soul, your best, your heavenly friend
through stormy ways leads to a peaceful end.*

*Be still, my soul, your God will undertake
to guide the future surely as the past.
Your hope, your confidence let nothing shake;
all now mysterious shall be bright at last.
Be still, my soul, life's tempests still obey
the voice that once the waves' wild fury stayed.*

*Be still, my soul, the hour is hastening on
when we shall be forever in God's peace;
when disappointment, grief and fear are gone,
love's joys restored, our strivings all shall cease.
Be still, my soul, when change and tears are past,
all safe and blessed we shall meet at last.*

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

Responding to God and Community

Sing Response I Can Feel You Near Me God MV48

*I can feel you near me God I can feel you near
Yes I know you're with me God I feel you here
I can feel you near me God I can feel you near
Yes I know you're with me God Heaven is here.
And I'll jump for joy I'm singing Alleluia
Jump for joy for you I will jump for joy
I'm singing Alleluia Jump for joy for you.*

*I can feel you loving me yes I know you care
God I know you're loving me always everywhere
I can feel you loving me yes I know you care
God I know you're loving me I know you're there.
And I'll jump for joy I'm singing Alleluia
Jump for joy for you I will jump for joy
I'm singing Alleluia Jump for joy for you.*

Praying for people and the world

Sing

Like a Healing Stream

MV 144 V1,4

*Like a healing stream in a barren desert,
Spirit water bringing life to dusty earth,
God is trickling through our lives
as in a dream unfolding,
promising revival and rebirth...
like a healing stream.*

*Like a mighty sea reaching far horizons,
Spirit water with a love both deep and wide,
God is working in our hearts
to shape a new tomorrow:
God will always challenge and provide!
Like a mighty sea, like a river strong,
like a gentle rain, like a healing stream.*

Benediction & Commissioning

Sing blessing

Jesus Came Bringing Us Joy

MV 33

*Jesus came bringing us joy, Jesus came bringing us joy, (2x)
Jesus came bringing us joy, hallelujah forever more!*