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WE GATHER AS GOD'S PEOPLE

Gathering Song

This is God's Wondrous World

VU 296

This is God's wondrous world,
and to my listening ears
 all nature sings, and round me rings
the music of the spheres.
This is God's wondrous world;
I rest me in the thought
 of rocks and trees, of skies and seas,
God's hand the wonders wrought.

This is God's wondrous world:
the birds their carols raise;
 the morning light, the lily white,
declare their Maker's praise.
This is God's wondrous world:
God shines in all that's fair;
 in the rustling grass or mountain pass,
God's voice speaks everywhere.

Worship Call

Everyone among us today, alight here.

Cease your flying about for a moment.

Alight here and rest your movement, your wings, your daily things.

Alight here and sing, sing the praise of our creator.

God, the hovering brooding Spirit, is safely guarding this nest of worship.

Alight here and call on the winged Spirit of God as we worship together.

Candle Lighting

Acknowledging the Land

Sing

I See a New Heaven

VU 713

Refrain: I see a new heaven.
I see a new earth
as the old one will pass away,
where the fountain of life flows

and without price goes
to all people who abide in the land.

- 1 There, there on the banks of a river bright and free,
 yielding her fruit, firm in her root,
 the Tree of Life will be. R

- 2 There, there where death dies and our lives are born again,
 body and soul, struggling but whole
 like flowers after the rain. R

- 3 There, there where the darkness brings visions from above.
 There where the night, bearing new light,
 reveals the promise of love. R

- 4 There, there where we work with the love of healing hands.
 Labour we must, true to our trust
 to build a promised new land. R

Prayer of Approach

O Still Speaking God, throughout history you have gathered people around your Word to instruct and inspire. We give thanks for all who have received your vision and shaped diverse and faithful communities to follow in your Way. Continue to open that vision to us, that we may become transformed by the renewing of your Word in our hearts and grow in love and understanding for each other and for you. May we come down out of the trees and be your children, claiming your blessing upon us. Amen

WE LISTEN FOR GOD'S WORD

And Now for Something Completely Different

Sing

There is a Time

MV 165

1. There is a time that we must rise
 There is a time that we must stand
 There is a time that we must come (come)
 together (together)
 For blessed are our lives (our lives)
 Blessed our love (our love)
 and blessed the promise gathered now.

4. Upon the dry a cloud will rise
 And truth will shine among the lies
 And wisdom sing as we arise (rise)

together (together)
For blessed are our lives (our lives)
Blessed our love (our love)
and blessed the promise gathered now.

5. There is a bow within the rain
And it will come and bend again
And colours shine where we have been (been)
together (together)
For blessed are our lives (our lives)
Blessed our love (our love)
and blessed the promise gathered now.

Prayer of Illumination

Gospel: Luke 19: 1-10 **The Message**

Gift of music

Sermon Get down from there...

Sing Zacchaeus Was a Tax Man

*Zacchaeus was a tax man who one day climbed a tree,
For he was short in stature and said he could not see.
And yet he had a problem that mattered even more:
He didn't see the suffering his greed had caused the poor.*

*O Lord, you saw Zacchaeus — so wealthy, yet alone.
You said, "Come down — and hurry! I'm coming to your home."
For you broke bread with sinners and saw within each one
A person loved and treasured — God's daughter or God's son.*

*It wasn't just the treetop that helped Zacchaeus see;
Your love and welcome showed him how different life could be.
He said that he'd start over and work to make things fair;
He'd speak the truth, bring justice, and find new ways to share.*

*O Christ, you bid us welcome and help us all to see!
May we respond by building a just society.
Then children won't be hungry, and all will share your bread.
Then those who now must struggle will live in joy instead.*

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

Responding to God and Community

Sing Response

Deep in Our Hearts

MV 154

1. Deep in our hearts there is a common vision;
deep in our hearts there is a common song;
deep in our hearts there is a common story,
telling Creation that we are one.
2. Deep in our hearts there is a common purpose;
deep in our hearts there is a common goal;
deep in our hearts there is a sacred message,
justice and peace in harmony.

Prayers of the People

We share together the words that Jesus taught us to pray together...

*Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy Name.
Thy Kingdom come.
Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread.
And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us.
And lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom, the power, and the glory,
For ever and ever. Amen.*

Sing

Be Thou My Vision

VU 642

- 1 Be thou my vision, O joy of my heart;
naught be all else to me save that thou art,
thou my best thought, by day or by night,
waking or sleeping thy presence my light.
- 2 Be thou my wisdom, my calm in all strife;
I ever with thee, and thou in my life;
thou loving parent, thy child may I be,
thou in me dwelling, and I one with thee.

Benediction & Commissioning

Sing blessing

May the Love of Our God

MV 218

*May the love of our God rest upon your soul.
May God's love dwell in you, throughout every day.
May God's countenance shine upon you and be gracious to you.
May God's spirit be upon you as you leave this place.*