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“To live in this world, you must be able to do three things: to love what is mortal; to hold it against your bones knowing your own life depends on it; and, when the time comes to let it go, to let it go.” ~ Mary Oliver

Gathering Song

Creator God, You Gave Us Life

MV 27

*Creator God, you gave us life,
your image formed within our souls,
yet through the mist of time and space,
we search for that which makes us whole.*

*Through hands that paint majestic skies,
and voices chanting melody,
with words that reach beyond the page,
we comprehend your mystery.*

*In ev'ry flow'r and ev'ry tree,
we see your great diversity,
yet greater still we see your love,
expressed in our humanity.*

*Through hands that paint majestic skies,
and voices chanting melody,
with words that reach beyond the page,
we comprehend your mystery.*

*When with our hearts, our hands our minds,
we share our gifts with all the world,
our spirits soar beyond the veil,
to touch the very face of God.*

*Through hands that paint majestic skies,
and voices chanting melody,
with words that reach beyond the page,
we comprehend your mystery.*

Worship Call

God the creator, is with us this day,

***We gather in the name of the One who made the sun and the moon;
the One who made the ocean waves and the prairie wind,
the One who made each of us and who calls us to this place just as we are.***

Christ, the One who taught of a loving God, is with us this day,
***In the shelter of God's love we gather.
May this time be one brushed with hope, peace, and acceptance,
knowing that in celebrating our diversity God's love is clearly known.***

Spirit, the power that binds us together in perfect harmony, is with us this day,
***Bound by the love of God, we rejoice and lift our prayer.
Here, though we are all so very different, we are united and we belong.
Here may we find space to rest in the Creator and sing to the Holy One.***

Candle Lighting

Acknowledging the Land

Sing God of Still Waiting MV 20 v.1,2,4,

God of still waiting, God of deep longing,
God of the heart's true rest:
hold us in fathomless peace,
guard us with unwaning love.

Spirit of promise, Spirit of purpose,
Spirit of ceaseless prayer:
bathe us in life full and free,
kindle our wonder and hope.

Word true and faithful, hope-bringing Spirit,
God of enfolding love:
come in your fullness and grace;
work through our lives for your praise.

Opening Prayer

***Help us God, the bottom has fallen out of our lives.
Hear our cry for help God, Listen hard! Open your ears!
Listen to our cries for mercy.
We know if you kept records on us, we wouldn't stand a chance.
As it turns out, forgiveness is your habit. Thank you.
God, we make our lives a prayer and wait for what you say and do:
waiting and watching till morning.
We wait and watch for you because we know that with your arrival comes love;***

***with your arrival comes generous redemption.
No doubt about it. Amen***

Sing

All Who are Thirsty

MV 4

*All who are thirsty, all who are weak,
come to the fountain.
Dip your heart in the stream of life.
Let the pain and the sorrow be washed away
in the waves of his mercy as deep cries out to deep.*

*We sing Come, Lord Jesus, come.
Come, Lord Jesus, come
Come, Lord Jesus, come,
Come, Lord Jesus, come.*

*All who are thirsty, all who are weak,
come to the fountain.
Dip your heart in the stream of life.
Let the pain and the sorrow be washed away
in the waves of his mercy as deep cries out to deep.*

*We sing Come, Lord Jesus, come.
Come, Lord Jesus, come.
Come, Lord Jesus, come.
Come, Lord Jesus, come.*

*Holy Spirit come.
Holy Spirit come.
Holy Spirit come.*

Prayer of Illumination

Ancient Reading

Psalm 121

Sing ***Out of the depths I cry to you, my hope is in your promise true. (VU853)***

Out of the depths have I called to you.

O God, hear my cry!

Let your ears be attentive to my plea for mercy.

If you should keep account of what is done amiss,

O God, who could stand?

But there is forgiveness with you,

therefore we will honour you.

Sing ***Out of the depths I cry to you, my hope is in your promise true. (VU853)***

I wait for you, God;
my soul waits, and in your word is my hope.
My soul waits for God
more than the watchers long for morning,
more than the watchers long for morning.

O Israel, wait in hope,
for with God there is love unfailing.
With God is great power to redeem,
to redeem you, Israel, from all your sins.

Sing *Out of the depths I cry to you, my hope is in your promise true. (VU853)*

Ancient Reading **John 11:1-45**

Gift of music **Martha My Dear** **Lennon/McCartney**

Sermon **King Julez**

Sing My Love Colours Outside the Lines MV 138

My love colours outside the lines,
exploring paths that few could ever find;
and takes me into places
where I've never been before,
and opens doors to worlds outside the lines.

My God colours outside the lines,
turns wounds to blessings, water into wine;
and takes me into places
where I've never been before
and opens doors to worlds outside the lines.

We'll never walk on water
if we're not prepared to drown,
body and soul need a soaking from time to time.
And we'll never move the gravestones
if we're not prepared to die,
and realize there are worlds outside the lines.

My soul longs to colour outside the lines,
tear back the curtains, sun, come in and shine;
I want to walk beyond the boundaries
where I've never been before,
throw open doors to worlds outside the lines.

We'll never walk on water
if we're not prepared to drown,

body and soul need a soaking from time to time.
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Responding to God and Community

Sing Response

Behold, I Make All things New

MV 115

Behold, (behold,) behold, (behold,)
I make all things new,
beginning with you and starting from today.
Behold, (behold,) behold, (behold,)
I make all things new,
my promise is true,
for I am Christ the way.

Prayers of the People

We ask these things in the name of Jesus who taught us to share these words 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

Water Flowing From the Mountains

MV 87

Water flowing from the mountains.
Water flowing o'er the earth.
Water comes to us, so precious.
Living water gives us birth.

Drink deep this source of life.
Drink deep and know.
For living water sings,
And living water brings the love
that makes our spirit grow.

Water rushing down the rivers.
Water rushing to the sea.
Water comes to us, so precious.
Living water makes us free.

Drink deep this source of life.
Drink deep and know.
For living water sings,
And living water brings the love
that makes our spirit grow.

Water springing from the dry place.
Water springing in the sun.
Water comes to us, so precious.
Living water for each one.

Drink deep this source of life.
Drink deep and know.
For living water sings,
And living water brings the love
that makes our spirit grow.

Benediction & Commissioning

Sing blessing Grateful

Grateful for the life you give us,
thankful for your Holy Son,
joyful in your Spirit flowing over all,
O God of Love.

Grateful for the Bread of Heaven,
thankful for your Holy Word,
joyful in your mercy flowing,
we will praise you.