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“When the path ignites a soul, there's no remaining in place.  
The foot touches ground, but not for long.” *Hakim Sanai (12<sup>th</sup> Century Sunni Mystic)*

***Gathering Song***

**Come and Find the Quiet Centre**

**VU 374**

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,  
finding scope for faith begun.

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**

In the midst of the world's chaos

***come to this place and find peace.***

When your mind is overwhelmed with what you see

***come to this place and find hope.***

If your heart is heavy, with fear, with worry, with sorrow,

***come to this place and find strength.***

As you long for community in a world that is torn apart,

***come to this place and find grace.***

Come people of God, and in this place, in this moment,

***find peace, hope, strength and grace, as we worship and pray together.***

## **Candle Lighting**

### **Acknowledging the Land**

***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 healing, healing in the streets;  
curing those who suffer, touching those he greets.  
Listen, Lord Jesus, I have pity too.  
Let my care be active, healing just like 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.

## **Opening Prayer**

***Loving God,  
in Jesus you offer life to the world  
and love to all people.  
When we see life only for ourselves,  
forgive us.  
Help us to hear your transforming love  
speaking to us of respect, dignity and worth,  
telling us that we are loved  
and that we are to love one another.  
In the knowledge of this love  
work through us to bring your justice to the world,  
in the power of the Holy Spirit. Amen***

**And Now For Something Completely Different**

***Sing***

**Draw the Circle Wide**

**MV 145**

*Refrain:* Draw the circle wide. Draw it wider still.  
Let this be our song, no one stands alone,  
standing side by side, draw the circle wide.

God the still point of the circle,  
'round whom all creation turns;  
nothing lost, but held forever,  
in God's gracious arms.

Let the dreams we dream be larger,  
than we've ever dreamed before;  
let the dream of Christ be in us,  
open every door.

**Prayer of Illumination**

**The Happiness Box**

**Ancient Reading**

Genesis 12:1-9

**Gift of Music**

**Leaving on a Jetplane**

**John Denver**

**Ancient Reading**

Matthew 9:9-13

**Reflection**

**The Journey is Now**

***Sing***

**Will You Come and Follow Me**

**VU 567**

Will you come and follow me  
if I but call your name?

Will you go where you don't know  
and never be the same?

Will you let my love be shown,  
will you let my name be known,  
will you let my life be grown  
in you and you in me?

Will you leave yourself behind  
if I but call your name?  
Will you care for cruel and kind  
and never be the same?

Will you risk the hostile stare  
should your life attract or scare?  
Will you let me answer prayer  
in you and you in me?

Will you love the 'you' you hide  
if I but call your name?  
Will you quell the fear inside  
and never be the same?

Will you use the faith you've found  
to reshape the world around,  
through my sight and touch and sound  
in you and you in me?

Christ, your summons echoes true  
when you but call my name.  
Let me turn and follow you  
and never be the same.

In your company I'll go  
where your love and footsteps show.  
Thus I'll move and live and grow  
in you and you in me.

## **Responding to God and Community**

*Sing Response*

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. (x2)

## **Prayers of the People**

We thank you, O God, that you have given us an enduring hope—one which cannot disappoint us or mislead us. We thank you, that through our faith in you and in your child, you enter into every heart and create new lives that have been torn asunder by the powers of this world – oppression – fear - hatred,

**God hear our prayer.....**

We pray today O God that those who are asleep may awake and know that redemption is near. Help them, and us, to lay aside our own power and to put on the armour of light that you bestow upon us as we seek you day by day. Grant that our faith and our commitment to change may be fully alive,

**God, hear our prayer.....**

We ask today, O God, for those who have lost hope and for those who have never had it. Grant to us and to those we lift before you in our hearts a new and abiding vision of what you have done, what you are doing, and what you will do, through us for all people as we take up your message and indeed for creation itself. Grant, O God, that all might discover their purpose and the purpose of all that is and all that is yet to be,

**God, hear our prayer.....**

We lift before you, O God, the people, the places, and the experiences which trouble us and cause us to call upon you. May your hand touch them, may your presence be known and embraced by all,

**God, hear our prayer.....**

We ask all this, knowing that you are our hope and our redemption, a very present help in times of trouble. We share now together the words of the One who offers new and abundant life to us and our world, saying...

***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***

**Christ Has No Body Now but Yours**

**MV 171**

Refrain: Christ has no body now but yours,  
no hands but yours.  
Here on this earth, yours is the work,  
to serve with the joy of compassion.

No hands but yours to heal the wounded world,  
no hands but yours to soothe all its suffering,  
no touch but yours to bind the broken hope  
of the people of God.

Through ev'ry gift, give back to those in need;  
as Christ has blessed, so now be his blessing,  
with ev'ry gift a benediction, be  
to the people of God.

### **Benediction & Commissioning**

***Sing Blessing***

**I'm Gonna Shout, Shout**

**MV 183**

I'm gonna shout, shout, shout out my love for Jesus, for Jesus!  
I'm gonna shout, shout, shout out my love for God's most holy child!  
For whatever I might do today, at home, at school, at work, at play,  
I've got Jesus' love deep down inside of me!