

Sunday, June 16, 2024,
We Gather to Celebrate God's Presence

Welcome
Family Life and Work
Family Celebrations
Lighting of the Christ Candle:
Acknowledgment of the Land:

Introit: Where Two or Three Are Gathered

MV 14

**Where two or three are gathered in my name,
I am there, I am there.**

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Call to Worship:

It is good to give thanks to the LORD, to sing praises to the Most High!
We declare God's steadfast love in the morning, and
His faithfulness throughout the night!

The Lord has made me glad, and I sing for joy!

Those who trust in the Lord will flourish!

Opening Hymn: Who Is My Mother

MV 178

**1. Who is my father, who is my sister?
All those who gather round Jesus Christ;
Spirit blown people born from the Gospel
Sit at the table round Jesus Christ.**

**2. Diff'rently abled, diff'rently labeled,
Widen the circle round Jesus Christ:
Crutches and stigmas, culture's enigmas,
All come together round Jesus Christ.**

**3. Love will relate us, colour or status
Can't segregate us round Jesus Christ:
Family failings, human de-railings,
All are accepted round Jesus Christ.**

**4. Bound by one vision, met for one mission
We claim each other round Jesus Christ:
Here is my mother, here is my brother,
Kindred in Spirit through Jesus Christ.**

Prayer of Approach: (unison)

Mighty God, you hold all the mysteries of the universe. You transform shepherds into kings, the smallest seeds into magnificent trees, and hardened hearts into loving ones. Bless us with your life-giving Spirit. Re-create us in your image. Shape us to your purposes, through Jesus Christ in whose words we say together,

The Lord's Prayer (unison)

**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
and the power and the glory for ever and ever. Amen**

First Reading: Ezekiel 17: 22 - 24

Children's Time:

Second Reading: Mark 4: 26- 34

We Listen

Minute for Mission: Jan Drinkill

Gradual Hymn: Open My Eyes, That I May See

VU 371

**1 Open my eyes, that I may see
glimpses of truth thou hast for me;
place in my hands the wonderful key
that shall unclasp and set me free.
Silently now I wait for thee,
ready, my God, thy will to see.
Open my eyes, illumine me, Spirit divine!**

**2 Open my ears, that I may hear
voices of truth thou sendest clear;
and while the wavenotes fall on my ear,**

**everything false will disappear.
Silently now I wait for thee,
ready, my God, thy will to see.
Open my ears, illumine me, Spirit divine!**

**3 Open my mouth, and let me bear
gladly the warm truth everywhere;
open my heart and let me prepare
love with thy children thus to share.
Silently now I wait for thee,
ready, my God, thy will to see.
Open my heart, illumine me, Spirit divine!**

Meditation: "Softly and Tenderly"

Musical Offering: Hope is a Seed

We Respond

Offertory: Your Work, O God, Needs Many Hands

VU 537

**1 Your work, O God, needs many hands
to help you everywhere,
and some there are who cannot serve
unless our gifts we share.**

**2 Because we love you and your work,
our offering now we make:
be pleased to use it as your own,
we ask for Jesus' sake.**

Offertory/Prayer of Dedication:

Prayers of the People

Closing Hymn: Eternal, Unchanging, We Sing

VU 223

**Eternal, Unchanging, we sing to your praise:
your mercies are endless, and righteous your ways;
your servants proclaim the renown of your name
who rules over all and is ever the same.**

**2 Again we rejoice in the world you have made,
your mighty creation in beauty arrayed,**

**we thank you for life, and we praise you for joy,
for love and for hope that no power can destroy.**

**3 We praise you for Jesus, our Master and Lord,
the might of his Spirit, the truth of his word,
his comfort in sorrow, his patience in pain,
the faith sure and steadfast that Jesus shall reign.**

Benedictions and Commissioning (responsive)

May God plant seeds of confidence and gladness in your hearts.
Trust His word.

In this we will live not for ourselves, but for others. Praise be to God! Amen!

Choral Benediction: Walk With the Lord

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**Walk with the Lord
Go from this place,
Filled with His everlasting grace.**

**Walk with the Lord
Go where He leads
Blessed by His love and His peace.**

**Each day you live,
In all you do,
let the light of Christ be found in you**

**Walk with the Lord
Trust and obey
Go now and serve Him in faith
Amen, Amen, Amen, Amen.**