

*If you are able please stand at parts marked **

The congregation is invited to say the words in **bold** print

Gathering

Welcome to Worship

Gathering Music

Lighting of the Christ candle and a time of Silence

**ALL; For gathering today in this sacred space, we light the flame.
For the opportunity to be together as a community,
to remember the past,
to claim our future, to be alive in our present, we light the flame**

[You may wish to use these words to help focus]

I pause for a moment, aware that God is here.

I think of how everything around me,

the air I breathe, my whole body,

is tingling with the presence of God.

* **HYMN** 336 Christ is our light!

* **Opening Responses**

L; So may the dance and drama, the music and song,

All: The sounds and the beats, the colours and the costumes,

L; the masks and the surprises, the pomp and parades,

All: awake in us an appreciation of the gracious gifts of being alive today,

Gathering Prayer

Exploring

Bible Reading:

L; May we be struck by the wisdom of these words
and marked by hearing them.

**All For within story lies meaning, and
within meaning, the wisdom for which we seek.**

Psalm 92; 1-4, 11-15

How good it is to give thanks to the Eternal and to praise Your name
with song, O Most High; To speak of Your unfailing love in the morning
and rehearse Your faithfulness as night begins to fall.

How good it is to praise to the sound of strings—lute and harp - the
stirring melodies of the lyre.

Because You, O Eternal One, thrill me with the things You have done, I
will sing with joy in light of Your deeds.

Those who are devoted to God will flourish like budding date-palm
trees; they will grow strong and tall like cedars in Lebanon.

Those planted in the house of the Eternal will thrive in the courts of our
God. They will bear fruit into old age; even in winter, they will be green
and full of sap .To display that the Eternal is righteous. He is my rock,
and there is no shadow of evil in Him.

L. Hear what the Spirit is saying to the church
All; Amen. So be it.

* HYMN 755 Be still and know that I am God

Contemporary Reading

Anthem:

SERMON

Uplifting of the offering

Prayer of Dedication

Affirming

* HYMN 721 We lay our broken world

* **Sharing the Peace**

[A chance for people to bless others in

God's presence]

L; The peace of the earth be with us, the peace of the heavens too.

All; Deep peace falling over us; God's peace growing in us.

Candle of Remembrance and Hope

[All sing] Bless the Lord, my soul, and bless his holy name.
Bless the Lord, my soul, he rescues me from death.
[The candle of Remembrance and Hope is lit.]
[All sing] Bless the Lord, my soul, and bless his holy name.
Bless the Lord, my soul, he leads me into life.

Prayers of Concern and the Jesus Prayer

Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name.

Your Kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven.

Give us today our daily bread.

Forgive us our sins, as we forgive those who sin against us.

Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.

For the kingdom, the power and the glory are yours.

Now and for ever. Amen.

* **HYMN** 470 Jesus shall reign where'er

* **Sending out**

L; As we leave this sanctuary,
much privilege and responsibility awaits us.
**All; May we travel confidently and humbly,
serve enthusiastically and wisely,
L; pray eagerly and thoughtfully,
All; forgive thoroughly and gladly,
and love deeply and generously.**

* **Benediction**

* **Choral Amen**