

Sunday September 8th, 2019
11:00 a.m. Sanctuary Service



Prelude *Pastorale* E. Thiman
Welcome and Territorial Acknowledgements
Announcements
Time of Silence
Words to Consider: *A city on a hill cannot be hidden.
We are the light of the world.*
Lighting the Christ Candle
Call to Worship (*Worship Ways, after Psalm 89:1-4, 19-26*)
One: Do you really not know...
All: that he is God of all in the heavens and on the earth?
One: Have you really not heard...
All: how she has brought princes to naught and oppressors to their knees?
One: Haven't you already been told...
All: that you're counted among the stars, and that you matter?
One: Do you not know, have you not heard?
All: We come to learn, we come for our strength to be renewed, we come in hope. Amen.
Hymn MV27 *Creator God, You Gave Us Life* J. Snowdon

Gathering Prayer

Spirit of the early autumn, the soaring eagle, the tiny ladybug: we praise you for the wonderful gift of Creation. We hear the Sacred Spirit in the laughter of children, and we are inspired by their simple but profound questions. We praise you for joy in the family circle, both kin and families of the heart. Spirit of the church community, listening to our questions, supporting one another, we rejoice in the strengthening friendship and challenging mission of this church. Gather us together in worship we pray. Amen.

Time with the Children

Children's song: *Praise Ye The Lord*

Scripture Psalm 139:1-6, 13-19 Pat Dykes
This is part of our story. **Thanks be to God!**

Anthem *Let Nothing Disturb You* D. Burton

Reflection Betty Anne Dempsey

Hymn *Creating God, Your Fingers Trace* Tune: O Waly, Waly

Offertory

Prayer of Dedication

The Prayers of the People:

Eternal Light shine in our hearts; Eternal Goodness, deliver us from evil; Eternal Power, be our support; Eternal Wisdom, scatter the shadows of our ignorance; Eternal Compassion, have mercy on us; that with heart and mind and soul and strength we may seek your face, and be connected to Our Hearts' Longing; through Jesus Christ our Saviour. Amen.

Hymn VU260 *God Who Gives to Life Its Goodness* Farquharson/Taylor

Blessing

The grace of God **AND THE MESSAGES OF ANGELS**
The laughter of Jesus **AND THE STORIES OF THE SAINTS**
The power of the Spirit **AND THE STRONG HANDS OF FRIENDS**
Bless you on life's journey **AND LEAD YOU SAFELY HOME. Amen.**

Postlude *Forth In Your Name, O Lord, I Go* P. Hurford



Services

9:00 a.m. Communion in the Chapel

Lead Minister
Director of Music Ministry
Sunday School Leaders
Building Supervisor

11:00 a.m. Worship in the Sanctuary

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Worship on the Thirteenth Sunday after Pentecost**

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work and worship on the traditional territory of the Coast Salish Nations.