



Gathering

*** Introit:** “Spirit of the Living God” VU #376

Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me.
Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me.
Melt me, mould me, fill me, use me.
Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me.

Spirit of the living God, move among us all;
make us one in heart and mind, make us one in love:
humble, caring, selfless, sharing.
Spirit of the living God, fill our lives with love!

May the peace of Christ be with you.
And also with you!

Call to Worship:

We gather here this morning...
seeking the strength of a faith community.

We gather here this morning...

desiring to ground our lives in God's goodness.

We gather here this morning...

knowing that you desire us to be sustainers of your creation.

We gather here this morning...

to praise and worship God, the Creator.

*** Hymn:**

"Worship the Lord"

VU #401

Refrain:

**Worship the Lord (worship the Lord)
Praise the Creator, the Spirit, the Son,
raising our hands (raising our hands)
in devotion to God who is one!**

Raising our hands as a sign of rejoicing,
and with our lips our togetherness voicing,
giving ourselves to a life of creativeness,
worship and work must be one! **R**

Praying and training that we be a blessing,
and by our handiwork daily confessing:
we are committed to serving humanity,
worship and work must be one! **R**

Called to be partners with God in creation,
honouring Christ as the Lord of the nation,
we must be ready for risk and for sacrifice,
worship and work must be one! **R**

Bringing the bread and the wine to the table,
asking that we may be led and enabled,
truly united to build new communities,
worship and work must be one! **R**

Now in response to the life you are giving,
help us, Creator, to offer our living,
seeking a just and a healing society,
worship and work must be one! **R**

Opening Prayer

Listening

Children's Time / Time for all Ages

The Lord's Prayer

*** Hymn:** "Go, Make a Difference" MV #209

Refrain:

Go make a difference. We can make a difference.
Go make a difference in the world.
(2 more times)

We are the salt of the earth,
called to let the people see
the love of God for you and me.
We are the light of the world,
not to be hidden but be seen.
Go make a difference in the world. **R**

We are the hands of Christ
reaching out to those in need,
the face of God for all to see.
We are the spirit of hope;
we are the voice of peace.
Go make a difference in the world. **R**

So let your love shine on,
let it shine for all to see.
Go make a difference in the world.
And the spirit of Christ
will be with us as we go.
Go make a difference in the world. **R**

Minute for Mission

Scripture:

Jeremiah 8:18–9:1

*Is there no balm in Gilead?
No physician there?*

Luke 16:1-13

The parable of the dishonest manager

The Word of God for the People of God.

Thanks be to God.

Special Music:

Psalm 100

*Offered by Roger Bolt, Bryan Daniels,
Cupido Daniels, Mary McFarlane, Scott Sweatman*

Message:

Spring into Action

Rev. Don Sellsted

*** Hymn:** "There is a Balm in Gilead"

VU #612

**There is a balm in Gilead
to make the wounded whole.
There is a balm in Gilead
to heal the sin-sick soul.**

Sometimes I feel discouraged,
and think my work's in vain,
but then the Holy Spirit
revives my soul again. **R**

If you cannot preach like Peter,
if you cannot pray like Paul,
you can tell the love of Jesus
and say, 'He died for all.' **R**

Celebrating

Offering of Our Gifts

*** Offertory:** "What Can I Do?"

MV #191

What can I do? What can I bring?
What can I say? What can I sing?
I'll sing with joy. I'll say a prayer.
I'll bring my love. I'll do my share.
(Repeat x1)

*** Offertory Prayer:**

Gracious and loving God, we thank you for these gifts and ask that they be used to help our community and throughout the world.

As we offer you these gifts, we offer ourselves as well, that together we might transform the world with your grace and love. Amen.

Prayers of the People

*** Hymn:** “To Show by Touch and Word” VU #427

To show by touch and word devotion to the earth,
to hold in full regard all life that comes to birth,
we need, O God, the will to find
the good you had of old in mind.

Renew our minds to choose the things that matter most,
our hearts to long for truth till pride of self is lost.
For every challenge that we face
we need your guidance and your grace.

Let love from day to day be yardstick, rule, and norm,
and let our lives portray your word in human form.
Now come with us that we may have
your wits about us where we live.

*** Commissioning**

*** Benediction**

The God of forgiveness bless you,
the grace of Christ keep you,
and the wisdom of the Holy Spirit strengthen you.
Let us go now in peace, to love and to serve.
And the people said ... **AMEN!**