

Gathering Song: VU 374 Come and Find the Quiet Centre

Announcements

Welcome:

...As those who follow Jesus' path of peace,

All: we commit ourselves to upholding the Treaties of Peace and Friendship so that we will live in a good way with all peoples, the land, the waters, and all of Creation, for we are all treaty people.

One: ...In this community of faith, we celebrate that all are welcome in this place.

All: All are welcome by God's grace.

Call to Worship:

One: In our lives,

All: We are surrounded by stories.

One: In our worship,

All: We bring our stories to God.

One: In this time, our stories are framed—

All: Our story is God's story, and God's story is ours.

One: Through scripture and singing,

All: God shines through our lives.

One: Through stained glass and stitching,

All: God shines through our lives.

One: May our story and ministry stem from Mary's posture of tending to God's presence. May our story and ministry move into the world with Martha's energy and fortitude.

All: Just as God shines through our lives; may we shine a light for others in this world.

One: Come, let us gather with the disciples and listen for Christ's teachings. Come, let us worship God.

Opening Prayer

(ALL) Gracious God, we welcome You into our homes, into the center of our lives. Our lives and our stories that are so rich with abundant blessings each day. Sometimes in our blessed lives, we can find ourselves distracted by our many tasks and can find ourselves like Martha with our long to-do lists. Loving God, we can sometimes lose sight of sitting at Your feet and listening to what You are saying but we are grateful that Mary reminds to slow down, to be still before you and know that you are God. Amen.

Hymn: MV 12 Come Touch Our Hearts

Celebration Time

Prayer of Illumination

Creating and Creative God, as light shines through a stained-glass window, we pray that you will illuminate the wisdom of this scripture reading for our day and age. Enlarge our vision and stretch our imagination, God, so we might see ourselves within your story, too. All of this we pray, in Jesus' name. Amen.

Scripture:

Luke 10:38-42

- offered by Marilyn King

Words of God that are still speaking.

Thanks be to God!

Hymn: Sacred Stories - words by Catherine MacDonald and John Lindsay-Botten, used by permission.

Reflection

Offering Invitation:

Ministry of Music as Offertory Response: (VU 590) A Prophet Woman Broke a Jar

**MV 191 What Can I Do?

**** Offering Dedication:**

All: Gracious God, receive all the gifts we offer this day. Through time, talents, and financial gifts, may your love and joy shine through our offerings and illuminate this world with hope. All this we pray, in Jesus' name. Amen.

Prayers of the People

The Lord's Prayer

****Hymn:** VU 87 I Am the Light of the World

****Blessing:**

****Parting Song:** Go Now in Peace - words by Don Besig and Nancy Price; music by Don Besig