

**Gathering Song:** MV139 True Faith Needs No Defence

**Announcements**

**Welcome**

One: In the fullness of time we gather here to experience and dwell within the light that comes from Jesus. As we light the Christ candle and observe its glow may that light shine in our lives. (*Elder lights the Christ candle*)

One: And we come in our time, seeking peace of inner soul; a peace that exceeds all understanding binding us in harmony of soul and unity of love. (*Elder lights the Peace Candle*)

One: From the very beginning God created and we are a part of that creation. And God called it all "good". In remembrance of this we light our affirmation candle, that in our diversity God unites us in the spirit of love. (*Elder lights the Affirmation Candle*)

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 the beginning was the word

**All: And the word was God.**

One: All things came into being through him...

**All: and without him not one thing came into being.**

One: What has come into being in him was life...

**All: and the life was the light of all people.**

**Opening Prayer**

**All: God of all time, and space, and love; hear our prayers for ourselves as well as the people of the world. Be present with us in our time of living, knowing that your grace forgives all wrong, we may become vehicles of your loving-kindness. Enrich our lives in the Spirit of Jesus. And may we become a reflection of his light that enlightens the world. Dwell with us in all our days. Amen**

**Hymn:** VU 402 We Are One (vv. 1-2)

**Time for All Ages**

**Hymn:** VU 298 When You Walk from Here

**Prayer of Illumination**

*Reader: Open our hearts and minds, Loving God, so that these ancient words and stories may come to life and provide illumination for us in our time and place. Amen.*

**Scripture Reading**

Ecclesiastes 3: 1-8

- offered by Marilyn King

John 1:1-9

- offered by Rev Bob Chapman

Words of God that are still speaking. **Thanks be to God!**

**Reflection**

**Timeless Faith**

**Reverend Bob Chapman**

**Ministry of Music:** MV165 There Is a Time

**Prayers of the People and The Lord's Prayer**

**Offering Hymn:** VU 671 I Need Thee Every Hour

**Offertory Response:** VU 541 Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow

**Offering Dedication**

**Hymn:** VU 806 O God, Our Help in Ages Past

**Blessing:**

**Parting Song:** VU 402 We Are One (v.4) / Go Now in Peace (*Besig/Price*)

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