Prelude: Oh Shenandoah; Traditional American, Arr. Ben Weldy
Ben Weldy, Guitar, Drew Lang, Marimba

Call to Worship

Hymn #347 Gather the Spirit; Jim Scott
Hymn Singers: Kendra Trainor, Paul Munger, Don Krehbiel, Alan Dyer

Gather the spirit, harvest the power.
Our sep’rate fires will kindle one flame.
Witness the mystery of this hour.
Our trials in this light appear all the same.

Gather in peace, gather in thanks.
Gather in sympathy now and then.
Gather in hope, compassion and strength.
Gather to celebrate once again.

Gather the spirit of heart and mind.
Seeds for the sowing are laid in store.
Nurtured in love, and conscience refined,
with body and spirit united once more.

Gather in peace, gather in thanks.
Gather in sympathy now and then.
Gather in hope, compassion and strength.
Gather to celebrate once again.

Gather the spirit growing in all,
drawn by the moon and fed by the sun.
Winter to spring, and summer to fall,
the chorus of life resounding as one.

Gather in peace, gather in thanks.
Gather in sympathy now and then.
Gather in hope, compassion and strength.
Gather to celebrate once again.

Affirmation
Love is the doctrine of our church:
The quest of truth is its sacrament,
and service is its prayer.
To dwell together in peace,
To seek knowledge in freedom,
To serve humanity in fellowship,
To the end that all souls shall grow
in harmony with the divine-
Thus do we covenant with each other.

Doxology
From all that dwell below the skies
Let songs of faith and hope arise:
Let peace, goodwill on Earth be sung
Through every land, by every tongue

Welcome

Offertory
Mara’s Sleeping Song; Katerina Lichtenberg,
Arr. Ben Weldy
Mandolin and Marimba

Readings
1 Samuel 8:4-22
Excerpt from Dallas Morning News Editorial
10-4-20

Prayer
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Guide my feet while I run this race.
Guide my feet while I run this race.
Guide my feet while I run this race,
for I don’t want to run this race in vain! (race in vain!)

Hold my hand while I run this race.
Hold my hand while I run this race.
Hold my hand while I run this race,
for I don’t want to run this race in vain! (race in vain!)

Stand by me while I run this race.
Stand by me while I run this race.
Stand by me while I run this race,
for I don’t want to run this race in vain! (race in vain!)

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