

SouthWest United Church
September 4, 2022
13th Sunday in Pentecost

Welcome

Gathering Hymn: VU 412 This Is the Day!

Welcoming the Light

We light this candle as a symbol of the light of Christ, which cannot be held back or dimmed by uncertainty for the light shines in each one of us, guiding us to wisdom.

Amen. *Take, O take me as I am; summon out what I shall be; set your seal upon my heart and live in me. (MV 85)

Call to worship

The church is made up of all kinds of people: **short and tall, young and old and in between, skin of every tone on Earth, and colourful languages to match.** All are welcome by the Spirit of Christ: **when we doubt and when we hold firm to beliefs, when we feel like being outgoing extroverts or quiet contemplatives, the rainbow expressions of faith are all gathered in.** Each one of us has an important part to play: **a story to tell, a voice for singing, an insight to share, a talent to offer.** Together we celebrate!

Opening prayer

Creator Spirit, you know and love everything about us. You are aware of the waves of feelings and the sparks of thought throughout our days. You are mindful of our movements and actions – our work and our play, our leisure and our sleeping. We are held by you through the palm of creation and we will praise you for truly we are wonderfully made. Amen.

Hymn: MV 106 I am the Dream

Prayers for Grace and Transformation/
Words of Affirmation

With liberated hearts we affirm once again: our freedom is your desire. You forgive liberally and love generously in order to free our hearts. May we do likewise for ourselves and others.

The Peace

Exegesis/Prayer for Illumination

Scripture

Psalm139 VU p. 861
Luke 5 : 1-11
Alleluia!

Reflection

Hymn: VU 376 Spirit of the Living God

Invitation to the Offering +Doxology (VU 541)

Offertory Prayer

Announcements

Holy Communion (see insert)

Prayers of the people/Lords Prayer

**Lord, listen to your children praying...Lord, send your spirit in this place...Lord, listen to your children praying, send us love, send us power, send us grace! (VU 400)*

Extinguish the Candle

Blessing

Closing Hymn: VU 575 I'm Gonna Live So God Can Use Me

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