

August 30th, 2020
Thirteenth Sunday After Pentecost

Welcome

Gathering VU 87 I Am the Light of the World (refrain)

Lighting the Candle

Jesus said "I am the light of the world. Whoever follows me will not walk in darkness, but will have the light of life."

Call to Worship

You who speak into the mystery of the universe, creating life out of chaos, you invite us to look at our world with wonder, humility, and an unrelenting commitment to your liberating love. **May our worship bring us into an encounter with the holiness and the life of your justice. Amen.**

Opening Prayer

Creator, you are made known to us in the rustling wind that blows, in the blazing fire that does not consume, in the face of the good, in the deep of the unknown. We meet you here. We accept your greeting and welcome your inspiration. We await the changes you have in store for us.

Draw us in to you. Inhabit our spirits. Focus our attention. Bring us to you - you who are already with us. Help us to be as you would have us be. Through Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, here and everywhere, now and always. Amen

Hymn MV 176 Three Things I Promise (vs 1-2-3-4)

Prayers for Grace and Transformation
Words of Affirmation

Ave Verum – W.A. Mozart

Katherine Black, soprano

Scripture Matthew 16: 21-28

Reflection

Take Up Your Cross

Hymn VU 506 Take My Life and Let It Be (vs 1-3-5)

Offering

We move into our Prayers of the People and the Lord's Prayer

Our Benediction

Extinguishing the Candle

We extinguish the flame but carry the light in our hearts until we meet again. Amen.

Hymn VU 509 I, the Lord of Sea and Sky