



We strive to welcome everyone without regard to ability, race, religious background or perspective, gender identity, or sexual orientation.

In that spirit, we begin our gathering by acknowledging the first residents and stewards of this land. We acknowledge that the land we now use for worship and service in Port Townsend is on the traditional homeland of the S'Klallam and the Chemakum Peoples. We commit to uplifting indigenous voices long silenced, and we pledge to honor, in word and in deed, the Creator, the original stewards of this land, and the creation they hold dear. Peace be with you!

GATHERING AROUND THE WORD

Leaders reads plain text **Congregation reads bold text** † Please stand as you feel comfortable

PRELUDE & WELCOME

CENTERING SILENCE & CALL TO WORSHIP

Centering Silence

We come to join with all the earth in praise: to sing a new song to the Lord,
who has done marvelous things, who has shown us steadfast love and faithfulness.

We praise the Lord with joyful noises joining the symphony of the earth:

**the roar of the ocean, the call of the birds, the wind across the hills,
people in every corner of the globe.**

On this sabbath day of rest and gladness, we greet you with joy, our living God!

Rejoice in the presence of our God, who reigns with equity and justice. Let us worship God!

† GATHERING SONG

#667 When Morning Gilds the Skies

READING FROM SCRIPTURE

John 15:9–17

⁹ “As the Father loved me, I too have loved you. Remain in my love. ¹⁰ If you keep my commandments, you will remain in my love, just as I kept my Father’s commandments and remain in his love. ¹¹ I have said these things to you so that my joy will be in you and your joy will be complete. ¹² This is my commandment: love each other just as I have loved you. ¹³ No one has greater love than to give up one’s life

for one’s friends. ¹⁴ You are my friends if you do what I command you.

¹⁵ I don’t call you servants any longer, because servants don’t know what their master is doing. Instead, I call you friends, because everything I heard from my Father I have made known to you. ¹⁶ You didn’t choose me, but I chose you and appointed you so that you could go and produce fruit and so that your fruit could last.

As a result, whatever you ask the Father in my name, he will give you. ¹⁷ I give you these commandments so that you can love each other.

HONESTY WITH GOD

...Trusting in God's grace, let us confess our sin.

You call us to love you with our our whole minds, our whole hearts, with all our strength, O God.

But our faith has been half-hearted, and our love short winded.

Hear us now as we confess our brokenness to you:

For failing to love others as you have loved us...

Silent, Personal Confession

God of grace, **forgive us.**

For wasting your gifts and hoarding our goods...

Silent, Personal Confession

God of grace, **forgive us.**

For plundering the earth and abusing the planet...

Silent, Personal Confession

God of grace, **forgive us.**

For fearing those who are different or strange to us and ignoring those in need...

Silent, Personal Confession

God of grace, **forgive us.**

For losing heart and abandoning hope...

Silent, Personal Confession

God of grace, **forgive us.**

For all the ways we turn from you...

Silent, Personal Confession

God of grace, **forgive us.**

We offer our prayers in the name of the One who saves us, Jesus Christ. **Amen.**

ASSURANCE OF GRACE

Hear the Good News! The only one who could judge us calls us friends.

Jesus chose us over his own life, so let us choose Jesus in the life we have now.

By the power of the Spirit, we are made new.

Friends, *trust* in the good news of the Gospel. **In Jesus Christ we are forgiven!**

RESPONSE TO PARDON

#614 Great Are You, Lord

SHARING THE PEACE OF JESUS CHRIST

With caring for ourselves and our neighbor in view, we greet and welcome our fellow pilgrims this morning with a bow of the head, a word of peace, a 'namaste.' Please save close contact for other settings.

May the Peace of Jesus Christ be with you! **And also with you!**

ENCOUNTER WITH THE WORD

MUSICAL INVITATION TO THE WORD

READING FROM SCRIPTURE

Acts 10:44–48

⁴⁴ While Peter was still speaking, the Holy Spirit fell upon all who heard the word. ⁴⁵ The circumcised believers who had come with Peter were astounded that the gift of the Holy Spirit had been poured out even on the gentiles,* ⁴⁶ for they heard them speaking in

tongues and extolling God. Then Peter said, ⁴⁷ “Can anyone withhold the water for baptizing these people who have received the Holy Spirit just as we have?” ⁴⁸ So he ordered them to be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ. Then they invited him to stay for several days.

Silent Reflection

SPECIAL MUSIC “When in our Music God Is Glorified” ~ Elisabeth Heiner

READING FROM SCRIPTURE

Psalm 98

¹ Sing a new song to the LORD,
who has worked wonders,
whose right hand and holy arm
have brought deliverance!

² the LORD has made salvation known
and shown divine justice to the nations,

³ and has remembered in truth and love
the house of Israel.

All the ends of the earth have seen
the salvation of our God.

⁴ Shout to the Most High, all the earth,
break into joyous songs of praise!

⁵ Sing praise to the LORD with the harp,
with the harp and melodious singing!

⁶ With trumpets and the blast of the shofar,
raise a shout to the LORD, Ruler of All.

⁷ Let the sea and all within it thunder;
the world and all its peoples.

⁸ Let the rivers clap their hands
and the hills ring out their joy

⁹ before the LORD, who comes to judge the
earth,

who will rule the world with justice
and its peoples with equity.

Silent Reflection

The Gift of the Living Word in the written Word **Thanks be to God.**

MESSAGE

Pastor Paul

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

WHAT DO WE GIVE TO GOD?

I do not call you servants any longer, but I have called you friends...You did not choose me, but I chose you.

And I appointed you to go and bear fruit, fruit that will last... John 15:15–16

OFFERTORY

SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

INVITATION TO THE LORD'S TABLE

In this sacrament, we remember and celebrate what God has done for us in the life, death, and resurrection of God's Son, Jesus Christ. Around the Table of the Lord, God's people are in communion with Christ and with all who belong to him. We are empowered to live as Jesus disciples in our daily lives.

*Our Savior invites all those who look to him
to share this feast which he has prepared.*

For those online, you are invited to join in communion with us virtually. You may use a piece of bread, a bit of juice, or anything that can stand in their place. We will partake together, the elements blessed across the distance, our spirits united together in Christ.

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING & INTERCESSION

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts. **We lift them up to the Lord**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise...

Healing God, we embrace your vision of *Shalom* for us, for the church, for our communities, for the human family, for all creation. Pour out your Spirit...

...and so with confidence we pray

as you have taught us:

**Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name,
Your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven.**

Give us today our daily bread.

Forgive us our sins, as we forgive those who sin against us.

Save us from the time of trial, and deliver us from evil.

For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours now and forever. Amen.

THE COMMUNION OF GOD'S PEOPLE

SENDING OUT INTO THE WORLD

WORSHIP IN SONG

#612 We Praise You, O God

CHARGE, BENEDICTION & POSTLUDE

*You are welcome
at this table*