



August 17, 2025

We Gather Together

Prelude Tyson Kerr

Welcome Rev. Valerie Oden

The Life and Work of the Church

Introit *Gather Us In* MV 7

Call to Worship *(Excerpted from Ecclesiastes 3: 1-4)*

One: For everything there is a season,

All: and a time for every matter under heaven:

One: a time to be born, and a time to die;

All: a time to plant, and a time to pluck up what is planted;

One: a time to weep and a time to laugh;

All: a time to mourn and a time to dance.

Opening Prayer (Unison) (*George F. McLeod, adapted)

**Creator: The morning is yours, rising into fullness.
The summer is yours, dipping into autumn.
Eternity is yours, dipping into time.**

The vibrant grasses, the scent of flowers, the tang of seaweed, the ocean's endless waves and the stars of the galaxies that spin on their courses: all are yours.

**Gladly we live in this garden of your creating,
in this life as it emerges in your time. Amen.**

*Opening Hymn *Come Let Us Sing* VU 222

We Listen for the Promise of New Life

Scripture Reading Ecclesiastes 3: 1-8
Jennifer McKercher Rott, St. Paul's UC

Solo *Turn, Turn, Turn (Pete Seeger)* Tyson Kerr

Reflection *Mindful Living 3: Time as Kairos* Rev. V. Oden

*Hymn of Response *When Long Before Time* VU 248

We Share in Prayer

Sharing Our Joys and Concerns

Prayer Hymn *Spirit God, Be Our Breath* MV 150

Silent Prayer

The Lord's Prayer: A Paraphrase

**Eternal Spirit,
Earth-maker, Pain-bearer, Life-giver,
Source of all that is and that shall be.
Father and Mother of us all,
Loving God, in whom is heaven:**

**The hallowing of your name echo through the universe!
The way of your justice be followed
by peoples of the world!**

**Your heavenly will be done by all created beings!
Your commonwealth of peace and freedom
sustain our hope and come on earth.**

**With the bread we need for today, feed us.
In the hurts we absorb from one another, forgive us.
In times of temptation and test, strengthen us.
From trials too great to endure, spare us.
From the grip of all that is evil, free us.**

**For you reign in the glory of the power that is love,
Now and for ever. Amen.**

