

We Gather in God's Hope

VU: Voices United

MV: More Voices

Pre-worship Community Singing

Welcome and Community Life

Lighting the Christ Candle & Approach to Worship

We want to be close to your heart.

**We want to be light in the dark;
O God of Compassion, show us how.**

We want to be close to your heart

**We want to be light in the dark
O God of Compassion, lead us now close to your heart.**

*Based on Psalm 15 ; Written by Richard Bruxvoort Colligan, in Sharing the Road;
the Psalm Project.*

Please stand as you are able.

Gathering Hymn as Opening Prayer Come Touch Our Hearts MV 12

Please be seated.

Children's Time I Can Feel You Near Me God MV 48

Lord's Prayer

**Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name.
Thy kingdom come, thy will be done
on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread,
and forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive those who trespass against us.
And lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom,
the power and the glory.
For ever and ever. AMEN.**

The Story Behind the Song

Song of Invitation Precious Lord, Take My Hand VU 670

**Precious Lord, take my hand,
lead me on, let me stand,
I am tired, I am weak, I am worn;
through the storm, through the night,
lead me on to the light:
take my hand, precious Lord, lead me home.**

When my way grows drear,
precious Lord, linger near,
 when my life is almost gone,
hear my cry, hear my call,
hold my hand lest I fall:
 take my hand, precious Lord, lead me home.

When the darkness appears,
and the night draws near,
 and the day is past and gone,
at the river I stand,
guide my feet, hold my hand:
 take my hand, precious Lord, lead me home.

Listening to God's Word of Hope

Reading from the Scriptures

Isaiah 41: 1 – 13
Philippians 4: 4 - 7

This is the witness of God's Holy people to all generations
Thanks be to God

Meditation Theme: Singing as Worship
Part 3: Songs as Prayer

Sharing God's Hope

Invitation to Give Our Offerings

Offertory Music

* Offertory Song	We Give You But Your Own	VU 542
* Offertory Prayer	In Gratitude and Humble Trust	VU 544

Prayers of the People

Gathering the prayers

Silence

Community Prayer **Hear Our Prayer**

Music by Steve Bell; lyrics by Steve Bell and Jamie Howison

Now we pray to You Father for peace in the world
For the right use of all You have given
A respect for creation in us be restored
Lord in Your mercy,

Hear our prayer, Hear our prayer.

And we pray for the poor of the world everywhere
And for all those who suffer from hunger and fear
For those who are homeless – for those who need care
Lord in Your mercy, **Hear our prayer**
Lord in Your mercy, **Hear our prayer**

(Bridge)

Now we pray for those close to us, those who have needs
For the friends that we love and for all our families
For these loved ones we pray Jesus grant them Your peace
Lord in Your mercy, **Hear our prayer** (x2)

And we pray for ourselves for forgiveness of sins
For the evil around that is born from within
And we ask You dear God that You heal us again
Lord in Your mercy, **Hear our prayer** (x2)

(Bridge)

Now in closing we ask You dear Father on our knees
Lord for mercy on all those we call our enemies
So that all might be one in Your love and Your peace
Lord in Your mercy, **Hear our prayer** (x2)
Hear our prayer (x2)

Living Hope in our City and World

Please stand as you are able.

Sending Hymn O God, Our Help in Ages Past

VU 806

Benediction

Please be seated

Postlude