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**MOTHER'S DAY**

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**Gathering**

***Come, Now is the Time to Worship***

By Brian Doerksen (adapted Gary Barmore)

Come, now is the time to worship;  
Come, now is the time to give your heart.  
Come just as you are to worship;  
Come just as you are before your God.  
Come.

Ev'ry day we live in the light of God's love,  
Ev'ry day we walk by faith.  
Now we're here to open our hearts once more,  
Now we give thanks for grace.

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Come, come, come!

## **Connecting**

Opportunity to greet one another

## **Singing**

### ***You Are Welcome Here***

by Gerard DeMan

You are welcome here, no matter who your are,  
no matter where you are on life's journey.  
You are welcome here, no matter who you are,  
come and join with us, we're united in the church of Christ.

Come now all people, join in the song,  
come be a part of the family of God.  
We are God's people, and you belong,  
share in the joy of Christ. (refrain)

We pray for justice; we pray for peace;  
we hear the word of the Savior of all.  
we find God's mercy; we find release,  
sharing the joy of Christ. (refrain)

Lifting each other; doing what's right;  
standing together, whatever may come;  
praising our Savior, shining our light  
sharing the joy of Christ. (refrain)

## **Centering**

**Blake Richardson**

## **Fresh Word**

## **Praying**

**Craig Tyrl**

Administrative Pastor

### **Lord, Listen to Your Children Praying**

Ken Medema

Lord, Listen to your children praying, Lord, Send your Spirit in this place;  
Lord, listen to your children praying, send us love, send us pow'r, send us grace.

## **Offering**

### ***We Are an Offering***

By Dwight Liles

We lift our voices, we lift our hands,  
We lift our lives up to you, we are an offering.  
God, use our voices, God, use our hands,  
God, use your lives, they are yours,  
We are an offering.  
All that we have, all that we are,  
all that we hope to be, we give to you, we give to you.  
We lift our voices, we lift our hands, we lift our lives up to you;  
we are an offering, we are an offering.

## **Reading**

***Acts 16:13-15***

**Rev. Dr. Sarah Halverson-Cano**

On the Sabbath day we went outside the gate by the river,  
where we supposed there was a place of prayer,  
and we sat down and spoke to the women who had gathered there.  
A certain woman named Lydia, a worshiper of God, was listening to us;  
she was from the city of Thyatira and a dealer in purple cloth.  
The Lord opened her heart to listen eagerly to what was said by Paul.  
When she and her household were baptized, she urged us, saying,  
“If you have judged me to be faithful to the Lord, come and stay at my home.”  
And she prevailed upon us.

## **Learning**

**Rev. Dr. Sarah Halverson-Cano**

## **Sending**

***Carry the Light***

By Debby Moylan

We have all witnessed your presence,  
We have received your grace.  
We give you honor and glory,  
For moving in this place.

Now we go out to share the good news.  
Now we go out to share your love.  
Now we go out to share the good news.  
Now we go out to share your love:

Carry the light! Carry the light!  
Carry the light to all the Earth!  
Carry the light! Carry the light!  
Carry the light of Jesus Christ!

## Departing

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