Order of Worship February 19, 2023 Rev. Judith Perry

Gathering Song: SA 87 Woke Up This Mornin'

Announcements: Read by one of the Duty Elders

Welcome:

One: The light of Christ shines within us. (*Elder lights Christ candle*). As we worship on unceded Mi'kmak'i land; we acknowledge that we are all people of the Peace and Friendship Treaty. (*Elder lights Peace Candle*) The Holy Embrace encompasses us all. (*Elder lights Affirmation candle*) In this community of faith, we celebrate that all are welcome in this place. All: All are welcome by God's grace.

Call to Worship: (Mechthild of Magdeburg 1275)

O burning Mountain, O chosen Sun

O perfect Moon, O fathomless Well,

O unattainable Height, O Clearness beyond measure,

O Wisdom without end, O Mercy without limit,

O Strength beyond resistance, O Crown beyond all majesty:

the humblest thing you created sings your praise.

Opening Prayer:

We feel Your welcome, gracious God,
In this time of worship.
You welcome young and old,
All seeking peace,
and all brimming over with energy.
You welcome newcomers and long-time members;
All seeking a familiar expression of praise and prayer,
all seeking a startling new expression of faith,
You welcome us all, welcoming God. Amen

<u>Hymn</u>: VU 644 Siyahamba / We Are Marching Minute for Mission

Ministry of Music: Jesus on The Mountain Peak

(found at VU 102)

Prayer of Illumination: lay scripture reader

Eternal God, In the reading of the scripture may Your Word be heard; In the meditation of our hearts, may Your Word be known; And in the faithfulness of our lives, may your Word be shown, Amen

Scripture Readings

Exodus 24:12-18 2 Peter 1: 16-21 Matthew 17:1-9

Words of God that are still speaking. Thanks be to God!

Reflection

Reverend Judith Perry

Offering Invitation

Hymn During Offering: VU 92 In the Darkness Shines His Splendour 451, 2, 4

Offertory Response: VU 544 In Gratitude and Humble Trust

Offering Dedication:

All: In the name and in the spirit of Jesus,
We bring our gifts to You, O God,
Help us to give with them
a ready mind,
a willing spirit,
and a joyful heart. Amen

Prayers of the People and The Lord's Prayer

<u>Hymn</u>: VU 651 Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah

Blessing:

<u>Parting Song</u>: Go Now in Peace - words Don Besig/Nancy Price; music Don Besig