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An Affirming Ministry

October 15, 2017, 10:30 a.m.

MINISTERS: The People with ... Miriam Flynn and Jim Ball

DIRECTOR OF MUSIC MINISTRY: Alison MacNeill

VU – Voices United **Creation 6 - “River”** MV – More Voices



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WORDS OF WELCOME

LIGHTING OF THE CHRIST CANDLE

CALL TO WORSHIP

One: Creator God

whose Spirit moves over the face of the waters,
who gathers the seas into their places
and directs the courses of the rivers,
who sends rain upon the earth
that it should bring forth life:

All: we praise you for the gift of water.

One: Redeemer God,

who led your people over dry land through the sea
and across the Jordan to the land of promise,
who marks our adoption as children
with the sign of water:

All: we thank you for the gift of water.

One: Sustaining God,

create in us such a sense of wonder and delight
in this and all your gifts,

**All: that we might receive them with gratitude,
care for them with love**

and generously share them with all your creatures.

SONG MV 144 Like a Healing Stream

GATHERING PRAYER

SILENT PRAYER

PRAYERSONG VU 267 Like a Mighty River Flowing, vvs 1, 3

ENGAGING THE STORY

READINGS Psalm 65:1-2; 5; 9-13

John 1:1-5; 14-18

SONG MV 87 Water Flowing from the Mountains

MESSAGE

CHOIR SONG Joy Like A River

D.E. Wagner

OFFERING & SONG MV 154 Deep in Our Hearts

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE &

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Mark Hathaway

O Divine Womb,

Birthing forth the river of blessing that runs through all,

Soften the ground of our being

And hallow in us a space for the planting of thy presence.

In our depths, sow thy seed with its greening-power

that we might be midwives to thy reign.

Then, let each of our actions bear fruit in accordance with thy
desire.

Impart to us the wisdom to bring forth the gifts of the earth

And share them daily according to the needs of each being,

And restore that which has been usurped

by injustice to its rightful owners,

as we restore to others that which is not our own.

Do not let us be seduced

by that which would divert us from our purpose

but make us sensitive to the moment at hand.

For from thy fertile soil is born the creativity

the life-energy, and the dance, from birthing to birthing. Amen.

SONG VU 296 This is God's Wondrous World

BLESSING

*Thanks to Matthias Schmidt
and all who participated in today's service!*

We leave this space today to live out our hope in the world.

As we go, there is an opportunity to enjoy **coffee, tea**
and **conversation** with friends in the **Gymnasium** downstairs.
Blessings! Go with God!