September 5, 2021 Season of Creation 1 Planet Earth Sunday

Welcome – Bienvenue

<u>Gathering</u> The church is wherever God's people are praising, singing God's goodness for joy on this day. The church is wherever disciples of Jesus remember his story and walk in his way (VU 579)

<u>Candle</u>

We light this candle as a symbol of the light of Christ, which cannot be held back by distance, which shines in each one of us, no matter where we are.

Call to Worship-Appel à la prière

I am the circling hawk dancing with joy for life. **God, you invite us to join in the dance!** I am the faithful soil nourishing each life I touch. **You invite us to join in the caring.** I am the swift stream singing my thanks for life. **You invite us to join in the song.** I am the blazing star bringing wonder to life. **You invite us to join in the wonder.** I am the voice of Creation praising the God who shapes life: **You invite us to join in praise as we gather for worship.**

Opening Prayer

Generous God, creation is your song of love. May we stop to listen and open our hearts to the melody so that we might join in the eternal song of life. Amen

Hymn: MV 87 Water Flowing from the Mountains

<u>Prayers for Grace & Transformation</u> Words of Assurance/ Mots d'assurance Planet Earth is our sanctuary. We celebrate Earth as our home and live in the goodness of God's forgiveness. Thanks be to God. Amen.

The Peace/La paix

Scripture

<u>Prayer for Illumination/Prière pour l'illumination</u> <u>We Listen – Nous écoutons</u>

First Testament: Genesis 1 : 1-15 Psalm 33 VU page 760 Gospel-Évangile John 1 : 1-14 Acclamation: Alleluia!

Reflection

Hymn: Each Blade of Grass MV 37

<u>Invitation to the offering/Invitation à l'offrande</u> <u>Offertory Prayer - Doxology - Announcements</u>

Hymn VU 628 Come, My Way, My Truth

Holy Communion (see insert)

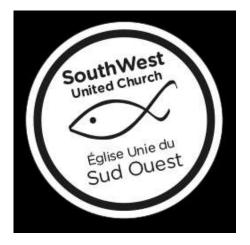
<u>Prayers of Hope/Prières universelles</u> <u>Lord's Prayer/La prière du Seigneur</u> *Response: Cradle me in your arms, cherish and comfort me. O Jesus, source of healing love, in your presence I am free. (MV 91)*

Extinguishing the Candle Benediction/Commissioning

Hymn: VU 422 God Be with You till We Meet Again

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