

GATHERING IN THE SPIRIT

Music for Meditation

Gathering song

♪ ♪ **Christ circle round us**

Christ, may your light surround us

Shine in our living

Fill our hearts with great Thanksgiving

Welcome

Territorial Acknowledgement

As a faith community, it is essential for us to acknowledge and understand the Indigenous cultures of the lands we are on, specifically the Ləkʷəŋən-speaking Peoples, also known as the Esquimalt and Songhees Nations.

We also want to acknowledge the people from other First Nations, Métis and Inuit nations who have migrated here and call Victoria their home.

We are committed to decolonizing our beliefs and lives.

Many forms of discrimination based on race, gender, sexual orientation, and marital status, just to name a few, are prevalent on these traditional lands, have roots in European colonization, particularly within Christianity.

At James Bay United Church, we aspire to reduce such discrimination, not only within Christian churches but also across various religions and our broader society.

Our goal is to learn and to work towards spiritual healing and inclusiveness, through honouring resiliency as well as gratitude for traditional Indigenous teachings.

We recognize that to create fundamental change and address the wrongs committed by churches, we must confront the roots of discrimination and the spiritual barriers linked to colonization and Christianity.

Our community is dedicated to listening to Elders, collaborating, and partnering with Indigenous communities, and amplifying the voices of all who face discrimination. By doing so, we aim to promote spiritual healing and well-being for all.

Lighting the Christ Candle – Richard Wey

Opening Prayer

Gracious and loving Creator, as we gather here this day, we open our hearts to embrace the beauty of new beginnings. We thank you for the boundless joy that graces our lives. Help us to see each day as a fresh start, a new opportunity to love more deeply and serve more faithfully. As the season changes and new life blossoms around us, may our spirits also be refreshed and revitalized in your love. May our worship and our lives always echo the joy and hope that is found in you. Through your grace, may we walk in the light of your love, today and always. In your name, we pray, Amen

♪ ♪ **Hymn: VU 395 Come In, Come In and Sit Down**

Sharing the Peace of Christ

SHARING THE GOOD NEWS

♪ ♪ **Hymn: MV 110 First-born of Mary**

Scripture: Mark 5:21-43 (Reader: Mahima Sylvester)

♪♪ Hymn: MV 110 First-born of Mary (reprise)

Reflection: Rev. Greg Powell

♪♪ Hymn: VU 619 Healer of Our Every Ill

WE GATHER AROUND THE TABLE

Prayer of Great Thanksgiving (see insert)

RESPONDING WITH OUR WHOLE HEARTS

Offering Ourselves with our Gifts

♪♪ **Your will be done, be done on earth x 3**
Your will be done on earth,
Your will be done on earth.

The Work of the People

GOING OUT TO SERVE

Commissioning and Blessing

♪♪ Hymn: MV 138 My Love Colours Outside the Lines

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*Following in the way of Jesus
on the journey inward
and the journey outward*

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