

GATHERING IN THE SPIRIT

Music for gathering

Gathering Song

**There is room for all in the shadow of God's wing;
There is room for all, sheltered in God's love.
And I rejoice and sing, "My refuge and my rock,
in whom I trust."**

There is room for all, there is room for all!

-MV 62 words and music: Bruce Harding

Welcome

Territorial Acknowledgement

**We acknowledge that we are occupying unceded land
of the Coast Salish, Lekwungen speaking people
who have been sustained in body, mind and spirit
through their relationship with this land for thousands of
years.**

**I am grateful to be part of a congregation that is hearing
the call to continue learning of our colonial history
and the on-going impacts of our privilege,
and taking up the challenging and healing work
toward reconciliation.**

Lighting the Christ Candle

Opening Prayer

**Wondrous God, Great Mystery,
your enduring Love and Light fills the universe
and makes a home within our hearts!**

**In giving yourself to us,
you give us to each other.**

**Awaken us this day to Love's song
that it may resound in our voice and in our being
freeing us**

breathing through us

creating us anew

that we be drawn more fully

to share in your heart's desire. Amen

Hymn VU 415 God We Praise You For the Morning

SHARING THE GOOD NEWS

Reflection

Hymn MV 1 Let us Build a House [verses 1 & 2]

RESPONDING WITH OUR WHOLE HEARTS

Sacrament of Baptism

Today we welcome **Ezra Avery Maldonado Wright**
and **Elijah Bailey Maldonado Wright**
into the world wide Christian community

Hymn MV 1 verses 3-5

Sharing the Peace of Christ

Offering our Gifts (offering plates are available at the exits)

**Take, O take me as I am. Summon out what I shall be.
Set you seal upon my heart and live in me.**

-MV85 words: Graham Maule, John Bell; music: John Bell

Prayers of the People

GOING OUT TO SERVE

Hymn MV 28 Fresh as the Morning

Commissioning and Blessing

Response –

**May the God of hope go with us every day,
filling all our lives with love and joy and peace.
May the God of justice speed us on our way,
bringing light and hope to every land and race.**

**Praying, may we work for peace,
singing share our joy with all,
working for a world that's new,
faithful when we hear Christ's call.**

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**May the God of healing free the earth from fear,
freeing us for peace both treasured and pursued.
May the God of love keep our commitment clear,
To a world restored, to human life renewed.**

**Praying, may we work for peace,
singing share our joy with all,
working for a world that's new,
faithful when we hear Christ's call.**

-VU 424 words: v.1 Alvin Schutmaat; v.2 Fred Kaan;
music: Argentine folk melody

James Bay United Church

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

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