

GATHERING IN THE SPIRIT

Music for gathering

Gathering Song

**Joy comes with the dawn, joy comes with the morning sun;
Joy springs from the tomb
and scatters the night with her song,
Joy comes with the dawn.**

**Sorrow will turn, sorrow will turn into song
and God's laughter makes us strong.**

Joy comes with the dawn ...

-VU 166 words and music: Gordon Light

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

**O Holy Mystery,
you gather us into the guesthouse of your great heart
that in the wideness of your welcome
we may sense your joy in us ... even in us!
Set us free from whatever would hold us back
from being swept off our feet by your irrepressible love
that we might live from the fullness of your delight.
Amen**

Hymn MV 106 I Am the Dream

Sharing the Peace of Christ

SHARING THE GOOD NEWS

Scripture reading: Luke 15: 1-10

Response: Alleluia!

Reflection

RESPONDING WITH OUR WHOLE HEARTS

Hymn MV 163 River Running in You and Me [vs. 1,2,7]

Prayers of the People

**response: Spirit of life, rest on your people.
Waken your song deep in our hearts.**

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

GOING OUT TO SERVE

Hymn VU352 I Danced in the Morning

Commissioning and Blessing

Response –

**A light is gleaming, spreading its arms throughout the night
Living in the light. Come share its gladness,
God's radiant love is burning bright, living in the light.**

**So let us live in the brightness God has given,
And let us rise to see the dawn. We trust that God is here
asparkle and ablaze, warming all our days.**

A light is gleaming ...

James Bay United Church

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

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