

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**
-words and music: Dan Schutte

Welcome

Lighting the Christ Candle

Hymn VU 409 Morning Has Broken

Opening Prayer

**O Love that will not let us go,
in the break of day
after restless nights
you come around for us
for the bond of your love runs deeper
than our doubt, our distress, our dive into distraction.
Grant us to know your eagerness for us,
your tenderness toward us and every life,
that we may be set free to live into the new day
you set before us,
the grace of new beginnings awaiting us
in every moment of life.
Amen**

Sharing the Peace of Christ

SHARING THE GOOD NEWS

Opening to the Word

**Don't be afraid. My love is stronger,
my love is stronger than your fear.
Don't be afraid. My love is stronger
and I have promised, promised to be always near.**

MV 90 words: John Bell & Graham Maule, music: John Bell

Scripture reading: John 21: 1- 19

Reader: Byron Woods

Reflection

RESPONDING WITH OUR WHOLE HEARTS

Hymn MV 49 When We Seek Language

Prayers of the People

Offering our Gifts

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

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

GOING OUT TO SERVE

Hymn VU 187 The Spring Has Come

Commissioning and Blessing

Response

**Behold, behold, I make all things new
beginning with you, and starting from today.
Behold, behold, I make all things new,
my promise is true, for I am Christ the way.**

-MV 115 music & words: John Bell

James Bay United Church

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

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