

GATHERING IN THE SPIRIT

Music for Meditation

Welcome

Territorial Acknowledgement

We acknowledge that we are occupying unceded land of the Strait Salish, ləkʷəŋən 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

♪ ♪ **Holy light, still burning bright,
presence of God that frees us,
Lift the shadows from our soul,
shine through our life Christ Jesus.**

**Holy fire, our heart's desire, dance of our life, pursue us.
Mend our frozen broken hearts, Spirit of God renew us.**

-words and music: Jim Strathdee

Opening Prayer

**God we come together today with open lives and hearts.
We come from many places and life circumstances,
all as one community hoping to feel
your loving presence.
Settle us here that we may unite in a spirit of peace.
Let us be eager to receive your grace through scripture
and to be blessed by Your presence
as we hear the Word.
Amen**

Hymn MV #1 – Let Us Build a House

Sharing the Peace of Christ

SHARING THE GOOD NEWS

Opening to the Word

♪ ♪ **Open our hearts, open our minds,
open our lives to you O loving God.
Open our hearts ...**

-MV 21 words and music: Jim Strathdee

Scripture: Deuteronomy 30:15-20

Reader: Owen McCooey

Reflection: The Bible: Our Faith Story

RESPONDING WITH OUR WHOLE HEARTS

Hymn VU #371 Open my Eyes

Prayers of the People

Lord's prayer

**Our Father/ Mother in heaven, hallowed by your name,
your kingdom come, your will be done on earth
as in heaven.**

Give us today our daily bread.

Forgive us our trespasses

as we forgive those who trespass against us.

**Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil,
for the kingdom, the power and the glory are yours,
now and forever. Amen**

Offering Ourselves with our Gifts

Minute for Ministries: The Offering of Meals – Joanne Keelan

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

- MV 85 words: John Bell, Graham Maule; music: John Bell

GOING OUT TO SERVE

Hymn MV #28 God of the Bible

Commissioning and Blessing

Response

♪ ♪ **Walk with me, I will walk with you,
and build the land that God has planned
where love shines through.**

- VU 649 words and music: John Rice

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James Bay United Church

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

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Thursday, Feb. 16 – Centering Prayer 1-2pm

All are welcome, especially those with a centering prayer practice. **Online & zoom** www.jamesbayunitedchurch.com



Thursday Feb. 16 Community Lunch: Come out of the cold and enjoy lunch with the warmth of the community. Every Thursday at our new time of: **1 – 3pm in the lower hall.**

Access on east side via steps and on the west side via ramp, at the back of the building. Created and hosted by community volunteers to build community in James Bay.

Friday, Feb. 17 and Saturday Feb. 18

JBUC Thrift Shop Open 10am – 1pm

Donations Received:

Wed. thru Sat. 10am - 12noon.

MASKS REQUIRED



Sunday, Feb. 19

A **Congregational Meeting** will be held **following worship** to consider the Congregational Profile. This is another step in the United Church process for seeking a new minister when Karen retires. The Profile tells anyone interested in the job about the character and faith of JBUC.

The full document for you to read will be in the newsletter prior to the meeting.

THIS WEEK AT JAMES BAY UNITED CHURCH:

Monday, Feb. 13 - Community Guitar Class aka Guitar Jam with the fabulous Aaron Watson

Check the website for more information.

www.jamesbayunitedchurch.com Classes approx \$12/ class payable either by drop-in or term registration.

Tuesday, Feb. 14 - 7 PM to approx. 8:20pm – Sanctuary

Tuesday Night Jazz at the Church

Masks required on the main floor, masks optional in balcony.

Admission by donation (\$20 suggested donation)



Wednesday, Feb. 15 from 9-10:30 in the lower hall

Tai Chi and Chi Kung with Curtis Nadj

Classes will be accessible to first-time beginners and also allow students from the previous session to build on the practices and forms already introduced.

Trial class free - \$45/ per month

Community Choir - Every Wednesday, 7pm - 8:30pm

Each week, join Christine Chepyha as we create a new choral community in our neighbourhood.

Thursday, February 16 JBUC Thursday Morning Prayer

It's about beginning the day, along with others, in a way that centers and grounds us in Love's presence. We'll begin at 8 am, concluding around 8:20. **Online & zoom**

For more info: www.jamesbayunitedchurch.com

February 25 - Artist Gathering – lower hall

This is a time for us to make art together.

All are welcome, whatever your medium of expression – painting, embroidery, drawing, collage, colouring, poetry..... Please bring all your own art supplies. We will have time for visiting and quiet time for doing our art. Please bring a mask as you may want to wear one depending on numbers.

This is a free event sponsored by the Arts Ministry of James Bay United Church



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E-transfer to Joanne Keelan. Be sure to talk to Joanne on Sunday if you want to reorder or order. Everyone who receives it needs to tell me to reorder or cancel your subscription. Thanks, Joanne



James Bay United Church is offering a Phase 1 Healing Pathways workshop to 12 participants over the weekend of March 10-12. If you would like to be part of this healing ministry, please see Carol Garceau or Judy Krzesowski to register Information about the program can be found at:

www.healingpathway.ca and www.hpvtoronto.wordpress.com.



Window Wonderland 2023 --Shining a light on our calling

Window Wonderland gives us a wonderful opportunity to light up with others in the neighbourhood bringing some cheer and connection on these mid-winter evenings, February 24, 25, 26. It also offers a chance to convey something of who we are through the theme we choose for our own display.

What images come to your mind as this year we express our calling as a church to be “a brave and tender force for love and justice” ? We would like to call on all thinkers, crafters, artists and volunteers of all sorts to help us bring this idea into being. Volunteers will help to create the silhouette images which will be installed in the Michigan Street windows and lighted from inside to create a beautiful display for viewing from the street.

Crafting sessions will be held in the lower hall of the church and snacks will be provided!

But first we need to generate the ideas for the images. Conversation over coffee after service this Sunday could set us on track toward something beautiful. Thanks for giving it some thought.

Please watch out for updates and volunteer opportunities upcoming. Email arts.jbuc@gmail.com for more information.