

GATHERING IN THE SPIRIT

Music for Meditation

Gathering Song

♪ ♪ God whose love flows like a river~
Show your Spirit upon us all
God whose grace pours down like summer rain
Show your Spirit upon us all.
God whose justice calls like crashing thunder,
Make your ever presence known to us.
Hear our prayer, Oh hear our prayer.
Show your Spirit upon us all.

Words & music: Bret Hesla

Welcome – Charlotte Caron

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.

This congregation is called to continue learning of our colonial history and the on-going impacts of our privilege, and to take up the challenging and healing work toward reconciliation.

Lighting the Christ Candle – Cliff Boldt

Opening Prayer – Loving God, we open our hearts today to your Spirit recognizing the gifts of the many cultures of First Nations in the land we call Canada. As we worship and

pray today with other United Churches across Canada, we give thanks for the many contributions of First Nations people to our church and spirituality. Grant us openness to see with new eyes as we move toward truth and reconciliation. We pray for wisdom for our leaders and for ourselves that this land may be one of justice for all people. AMEN

Hymn – MV 135 – Called by Earth and Sky

Sharing the Peace of Christ

SHARING THE GOOD NEWS

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

Scripture: 1 Samuel 15:34-16:13, Mark 4:26-34 – Owen McCooley

Reflection: D'Arcy McPherson

RESPONDING WITH OUR WHOLE HEARTS

♪ ♪ **Hymn: MV 44 Like a Healing Stream
Invitation to Prayer**

♪ **O God, we call, O God we call.
From deep inside we yearn,
From deep inside we yearn,
From deep inside we yearn for you. ~ VU 411 ~**

Prayers of the People
Offering Ourselves with our Gifts

♪ Spirit of Life, come unto me.
Sing in my heart all the stirrings of compassion.
Blow in the wind, rise in the sea;
Move in the hand, giving life the shape of justice.
Roots hold me close; wings set me free;
Spirit of Life, come to me, come to me. -- VU 381

The Work of the People

GOING OUT TO SERVE

Hymn MV 37 Each Blade of Grass

Commissioning and Blessing

Response MV 221 I am Walking the Path of Peace

Do you recognize the flowers on the front cover of this bulletin? Staff shared in the delight of encountering its beauty this week as we exited the building together. Yes, it is the Japanese Bellflower Tree in all of its glory (at the back office entrance door – see on-line photo too). A suggestion has been made to invite members to submit photos (landscape format please) to the office email address (on the insert). Include subject line “Photos to Share” Your photos will be showcased on the slides produced weekly for the on-line service. Please share the awe-inspiring photos of moments you have captured wondering at the beauty of creation for the joy of others.

James Bay United Church

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

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