

GATHERING IN THE SPIRIT

Gathering Song

♪ ♪ **Sister wisdom, come assist us;
nurture all who seek rebirth,
Spirit-guide and close companion,
bring to light our sacred birth.
Free us to become your people; holy friends of God and earth.**
~MV10 v. 3~

Welcome

Territorial Acknowledgement

We acknowledge that ləkʷəŋən peoples did not give up the right to the land that sustained bodies, minds and spirits for thousands of years—despite colonial interpretations of the Douglas Treaty. We, the people of James Bay United Church, now use this same land and so we recommit to taking on the challenging and healing work to move toward reconciliation and right relationship.

Lighting the Christ Candle: Peggy Hodding

Opening Prayer

God of many blessings, we thank you for the opportunity to gather again, as one and yet distinct. We gather our voices to offer our thanks, to ask that you make your presence known, and to seek transformation in our own lives. Bless this time; give us what we need in this moment to be one with you. Amen.

Hymn MV 12 Come Touch Our Hearts

SHARING THE GOOD NEWS

♪ ♪ **Come and seek the ways of wisdom,
she who danced, when earth was new.
Follow closely what she teaches, for her words are
right and true.
Wisdom clears the path to justice, showing us what
love must do.** ~ MV10 v. 1~

Scripture Reading Mark 7:1-8, 14-15, 21-23

Reader: Carol Yanisch

♪ ♪ **Listen to the voice of wisdom, crying in the
marketplace.
Hear the word made flesh among us, full of glory,
truth, and grace.
When the word takes root and ripens, peace and
righteousness embrace.** ~ MV10 v. 2~

Reflection: Reverend Greg Powell

RESPONDING WITH OUR WHOLE HEARTS

Hymn MV 126 Are You a Shepherd

Prayers of the People: Reverend Greg Powell

**Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name;
thy kingdom come; thy will be done on earth as it is in
heaven. Give us this day our daily bread.
And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those
who trespass against us.**

**And lead us not into temptation; but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom, the power and the glory, for
ever and ever. Amen.**

Offering Ourselves with our Gifts

♪ ♪ **What can I do, what can I bring?**

What can I say, what can I sing?

I'll sing with joy, I'll say a prayer.

I'll bring my love, I'll do my share. ~ MV 191 ~

Announcements: Work of the People

GOING OUT TO SERVE

Hymn VU 633 Bless Now, O God, the Journey

Commissioning and Blessing

Response

♪ ♪ **In God we live and move, In God we have our being,**

In God we shall remain, In God is our abiding

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on the journey inward
and the journey outward*

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