

Music for Meditation

## GATHERING IN THE SPIRIT

Gathering Song

♪ ♪ **Come and Gather Beneath the Tree of Life (x 2)**  
**Root of wisdom, branch of peace, fruit of healing and release.**  
**Come and Gather Beneath the Tree of Life.**

Welcome: Rev. Greg Powell

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: Colleen Nichol

♪ ♪ **God of earth and every creature,**  
**God of wind and God of sky, God of old and new creation,**  
**Be with us now. Be with us now.**

Opening Prayer

One: God of all seasons, we give you thanks for the opportunity to gather for worship this day, in this place, with these people, in this way.

Sung call: Jennifer Turner *Flow'r of Compassion*

♪ ♪ **Sung response: Bloom within, bloom within, bloom within each heart.**

We give you thanks for the gift of life and the journeys we are on individually and together as your beloved children.

Sung call: Flow'r of compassion

♪ ♪ **Sung response: Bloom within, bloom within, bloom within each heart.**

Like bees drawn to the flowers in springtime, draw us ever closer to you. Receive our thanks in this Season of Creation for all that you have provided.

Sung call: Jennifer Turner *Flow'r of Compassion*

♪ ♪ **Sung response: Bloom within, bloom within, bloom within each heart.**

**Guide us to be the stewards of your creation, that you envision us to be. Amen.**

Hymn VU 291 All Things Bright and Beautiful

Sharing the Peace of Christ

## SHARING THE GOOD NEWS

♪ ♪ **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 Spirit of Life ~**

Scripture Reading John 13: 6-12, 31-35 Reader: Judy Krzesowski

Reflection: Rev. Greg Powell

## RESPONDING WITH OUR WHOLE HEARTS

Hymn MV 174 Soil of God

Communion (see insert)

♪ Bread of life, hope of the world, Jesus Christ our brother; Feed us now, give us life, lead us to one another

♪ Bread of life, feed my soul,  
As the presence of the Spirit makes me whole.  
Bread of life, fill my heart. With the grace and mercy you impart. ~ MV194 ~

Offering Ourselves with our Gifts ~ VU 538 ~

♪♪ For the Gift of Creation, the gift of your love,  
And the gift of the Spirit by which we live,  
We thank you and give you the fruit of our hands.  
May your grace be proclaimed by the gifts that we give.

Announcements: Work of the People

### GOING OUT TO SERVE

Hymn MV 145 Draw the Circle Wide

Commissioning and Blessing

Response

♪♪ We'll weave a love with roots growing deep  
and sap pushing branches to wake from their sleep,  
Bearing leaves burnt amber with mornings full sweep,  
Together my friends, we'll weave on, we'll weave on.

A love that heals, friends, that bends, friends, that rising  
and turning then yields, friends, like the mountain to rain,  
or frost in the spring, or darkness that turns with the  
dawn. It's by turning, turning, turning my friends, by  
turning that love moves on.

## James Bay United Church

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

**October 6, 2024**

*World Communion Sunday*

