

Music for Meditation

### GATHERING IN THE SPIRIT

Gathering Song

♪ ♪ **The Spirit in me greets the spirit in you, Alleluia  
God's in us and we're in God, Alleluia.**

Welcome: Rev. Greg Powell

Territorial Acknowledgement

**We gather on holy ground, land that sustained bodies,  
minds and spirits for thousands of years. Lək'wəŋən  
peoples use this land, James Bay United Church uses  
this land, and folks from the community use this land.  
Beneath the building, under the layers of complexity and  
history, we find God's ground. On God's ground we are  
called to be one. So we recommit to taking the steps that  
move us all toward reconciliation and right relationship.**

Lighting the Christ Candle: D'Arcy McPherson

♪ ♪ **What does the Lord require of you x 2  
To seek justice, and love kindness,  
And walk humbly with your God.  
Justice, kindness, walk humbly with your God.**

~ VU 701~

Opening Prayer

**God of many blessings, known by many names, and seen in  
many faces, we come to know you more. We come to follow  
your path of truth, goodness, and justice. We come to seek  
transformation, that we might be sustained to be a blessing  
to all your children. You bless us in so many ways; help us  
now to be the hands and feet of Christ. Be in our worship  
today. Amen**

Hymn VU 567 Will you Come and Follow Me

Sharing the Peace of Christ

### SHARING THE GOOD NEWS

♪ ♪ **In the land, in the land is a hunger,  
in the land is a hunger for more than bread.  
In our hearts, in our hearts is a hunger,  
in our hearts is a hunger for the word of God.**

Scripture Reading Matthew 25: 34-40

Reader: Elvira Sentes

Reflection: Rev. Greg Powell

### RESPONDING WITH OUR WHOLE HEARTS

Hymn MV 169 When Hands Reach Out

Prayers of the People

The Prayer of Jesus: *Sung call and response*

Offering

Offertory Response

~ MV 191 ~

♪ ♪ **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.**

Announcements: Work of the People

## GOING OUT TO SERVE

Hymn VU 578 As a Fire Is Meant for Burning

Commissioning and Blessing

Response

~ MV 209 ~

♪ ♪ **Refrain: Go make a diff'ence. We can make a diff'ence. Go make a diff'ence in the world. Go make a diff'ence. We can make a diff'ence. Go make a diff'ence in the world.**

**We are the hands of Christ reaching out to those in need, the face of God for all to see. We are the spirit of hope: we are the voice of peace. Go make a diff'ence in the world.**

**Refrain**

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on the journey inward  
and the journey outward*

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