

Music for Meditation

## GATHERING IN THE SPIRIT

Gathering Song

♪ ♪ **Slow me down. Still my restless mind.  
Quell my fears. Quench my thirsty soul.  
Fill me with your love. God of Truth. God of Love.**

Welcome: Colleen Nichol

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: Richard Wey

Opening Prayer

**Wondrous Creator God, we praise you for your  
boundless provision that outstrips our need;  
that in your compassion you are always and ever  
holding us, bending your ear to our deepest longings,  
welcoming us into the sheltering dark depths of your  
mystery and majesty.**

**May we worship you this day with hearts  
attuned to the hidden seed of life that you  
nurture within us.**

**May we open ourselves to your Spirit swirling  
within and beckoning us out into new ways of  
being. In the name of Jesus our Christ we pray,  
Amen.**

Hymn VU 384 The Lone Wild Bird

Sharing the Peace of Christ

## SHARING THE GOOD NEWS

♪ ♪ **O God we call, O God we call,** ~VU  
411~

**from deep inside we yearn, from deep inside we  
yearn; from deep inside we yearn for you.**

Scripture Reading John 3: 1-8, Reader: Marg Lunam

Reflection: Colleen Nichol

Prayers of of the People – Kam McKim

## RESPONDING WITH OUR WHOLE HEARTS

Hymn Blessed Darkness by Ruth Duck (see Insert)

Offering Ourselves with our Gifts

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Offertory Response ~ MV85 ~  
♪♪ **Take, O take me as I am; summon out what  
I shall be; set your seal upon my heart and live in me.**

Announcements: Work of the People

### GOING OUT TO SERVE

Hymn MV 150 Spirit God, Be Our Breath

Commissioning and Sung Blessing  
Response ~ VU 964 ~  
♪♪ Go now in peace, go now in peace.  
May the love of God surround you everywhere, everywhere  
you may go.

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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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*"Embracing the darkness -  
Darkness as shelter"*



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