

Music: Christine Chepyha

## GATHERING IN THE SPIRIT

Gathering Song

~ MV 62 ~

♪ ♪ **There is room for all in the shadow of God's wing;  
There is room for all, sheltered in God's love. And I  
rejoice and sing "My refuge and my rock in whom I  
trust." There is room for all. There is room for all.**

Welcome: Rev. Greg Powell

Territorial Acknowledgement

**The land on which we gather has sustained the  
Lək̓wəŋən peoples since time immemorial. This same  
land now has a title that reads, "James Bay United  
Church," which complicates efforts of reconciliation.**

**We believe God yearns for all to recognize each other  
as one, as related. May we be so courageous as to  
take those complicated but necessary steps toward  
unity and right relationship.**

Lighting the Christ Candle:

♪ ♪ We are walking a path of hope (x 3)

Lead us home. Lead us home

~ MV 221 ~

Opening Prayer

**Holy Mystery, we return into this sacred space seeking  
to connect. Here, we set aside life's distractions –  
worthwhile though they may be – to be aware of your  
presence and of your love, which you make available  
to us always. As we seek to connect to you, to our  
neighbours, and to ourselves, we ask that you receive  
our thanks and praise. Amen.**

Hymn: MV 135 Called by Earth and Sky

Sharing the Peace of Christ

## SHARING THE GOOD NEWS

James Bay Community Chorus:

*Ordinary Miracle* (from *Charlotte's Web*)

♪ ♪ **Open our hearts, open our minds,  
Open our lives to you O loving God.** ~ MV 21 ~

Scripture Reading: Luke 9:28-36

Reader: Mahima Sylvester

Reflection: Rev. Greg Powell

Hymn: MV 150 Spirit God, Be Our Breath

Communion

Sung responses: MV 203, MV 204, and MV 205

Communion Song

♪ ♪ **Bread of life, feed my soul,** ~ MV 194 ~  
**As the presence of the Spirit makes me whole.  
Bread of life, fill my heart  
With the grace and mercy you impart.**

## RESPONDING WITH OUR WHOLE HEARTS

Offering Ourselves with our Gifts

Offertory Response

~ MV 151 ~

♪ ♪ **Your will be done, be done on earth** (x 2)  
**Your will be done, be done on earth.  
Your will be done on earth** (x 2)

James Bay Community Chorus:

*Ordinary Miracle & Crowded Table*

Announcements: Work of the People

## GOING OUT TO SERVE

Hymn: VU 678 For the Healing of the Nations

Commissioning and Blessing

Response

~ MV 145 ~

♪ ♪ *(Refrain)* **Draw the Circle wide. Draw it wider still.  
Let this be our song, no one stands alone,  
standing side by side, draw the circle wide.**

**Let our hearts touch far horizons,  
so encompass great and small;  
let our loving know no borders, faithful to God's call.**

*Refrain*

**Let the dreams we dream be larger,  
than we've ever dreamed before;  
let the dream of Christ be in us, open every door.**

*Refrain*

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## James Bay United Church

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

March 2, 2025 ~ Transfiguration Sunday



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