

GATHERING IN THE SPIRIT

(Please note: * indicates please rise in body or in spirit
VU refers to the red hymn book; MV is the coil bound book)

Welcome and Announcements

Invitation

We are standing on holy ground.

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**God has called, we are journey bound,
standing on, standing on holy ground.**

- words and music: Judy Pearson Hafso, Marc Hafso

Opening Prayer

**God of our mothers and fathers long gone and treasured,
God of future generations yet to be and awaited,
God of these years, these days, this moment now,
our lives are deeply rooted in the miracles before us.
Our faith is richly set in courage running thick.
Our vocation is shaped by all those who have risked
for your purposes.**

**In our remembering, we are made mindful
of our own place of call
our own time of obedience.**

Turn our memory into hope.

Turn our gratitude into energy.

**Turn our well-being into impatience,
that we may be counted among all those
who have been susceptible to your dreams,
responsive to your promises,
for the sake of your beloved creation.**

**We pray in the name of Jesus who trusted fully,
and who is himself fully worthy of our trust. Amen.**

- Walter Brueggemann, adapted

***Hymn MV 10 Come and Seek the Ways of Wisdom**

SHARING THE GOOD NEWS

Opening to the Word

Listen, listen, be open O my heart.

Love is calling, be open O my heart.

-words and music: Bret Hesla

Scripture reading: Luke 13: 10-17

God's Word is Life!

All: Thanks be to God

Listen, listen, be open O my heart.

Love is calling ...

Reflection

RESPONDING WITH OUR WHOLE HEARTS

***Hymn VU 578 As A Fire Is Meant for Burning**

Sharing the Peace of Christ

Offering our Gifts

Your will be done, be done on earth [x3]

Your will be done on earth. Your will be done on earth.

-MV 151 traditional song, South Africa

Communion Celebration

Please note: all the bread is gluten free;
each chalice is filled with grape juice]

Great Thanksgiving [see insert]

Communion Songs:

**Bread of life, broken and shared; cup of life out-poured.
In this feast we are transformed
to be like Christ our Lord, to be like Christ our Lord.**

- MV 197 words and music: David-Roger Gagnon

**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 words and music: Carolyn McDade

GOING OUT TO SERVE

***Hymn 706 Give Thanks for Life**

***Commissioning and Blessing**

**I am a child of God,
I am a glimpse of God's new creation.
I am a child of God, I am a child of God.**

MV 157 -words and music: Cheryl and Bruce Harding

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James Bay United Church

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

November 4, 2018

Hearing the call
to live
creatively
inspired by
and in response to
the cry
and the splendour
of Creation



season of
creation

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Ready for a deeper dive? into your faith, your life, into connection with others?

This small group opportunity may be for you. Meet together (at a time and frequency determined by participants) to reflect on your life, bringing what's unfolding in your life into conversation with your faith. A chance to consider the questions, insights, surprises life is raising about what you believe. An opportunity for spiritual growth within the surround of compassionate friendship. *Facilitated by Karen Dickey*
More info: www.jamesbayunited.com

James Bay United Church presents
Guess Who's Coming to Dinner
Saturday, November 10

Dinner 5:30pm –

Dessert at the Church 7:30pm

Sign up to be a guest or a host

Guests and hosts will be matched

Hosts prepare a simple dinner

and guests bring cookies

to the church for dessert.

For more information visit www.jamesbayunited.com



Jazz Jazz in James Bay for the neighbourhood!

The people of James Bay United Church are opening the sanctuary of the beautiful heritage building at 511 Michigan on Tuesday evenings for the benefit of our local community. Accessible music venues that you can walk to right in the neighbourhood encourages good mental and spiritual health. And with the help of local jazz legend Kelby MacNayr, we will bring some of the best of the best in the Victoria jazz scene to the heart of James Bay -- A venue without distractions - where the focus is you, the music and the sacred space to listen. Running for six consecutive Tuesday evenings beginning November 6.

A suggested donation of \$10 (as you are able) will be taken at the door.

Scripture Reader: Louise n'ha Ruby

Ushers & Greeters: Sylvia Scott, Marg and Doug Lunam

Communion Servers: Ralph Huston, Judy Krzesowski, Doug Lunam, Marg Lunam and Christine Wilson

Cup & Conversation: Allison Renner and Joan Ryan

CHURCH OFFICE HOURS THIS WEEK:

Open Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday 9 am – 12 noon

For Pastoral care emergencies please contact:

Rev. Karen Dickey at 250-592-5931.

Please remember in prayer: Linda and David, Kim F, Gary Coburn, Eric Manning, Sam and family, Dale, Laurie, Ahmed and Leyla.

THIS WEEK AT JAMES BAY UNITED CHURCH:

Tuesday, November 6 – OUTREACH

9:00am – 11:30am - Front Office Reception

Tuesday, November 6 – Jazz in the Sanctuary 7-8:30pm

6 Tuesdays - See back for more information

Wednesday, November 7 – JBUC Board Meeting

Front Office Reception – 10am

Wednesday, November 7 - Soulful Wednesdays

continues THIS WEEK!

simple supper at 5:30, evening prayer at 6:30, series option at 6:45

Choose between **Learning to Meditate with the Bible**

(an opportunity to learn some prayer practices that help you listen for the Spirit stirring in your soul) and

Singing our Faith (explore 6 themes at the heart of Christian Faith in dialogue with our own lives and issues of our time ... we won't just talk about these themes but sing them too).

We'll meet in the hall downstairs ... enter off the patio at the back of the building.

Friday, November 9 - JBUC Thrift Shop Open 10am – 2pm

Your donations are gratefully received

Wednesday, Thursday and Friday 9:00 - 11:30am.

Great Thanksgiving

Saints of God in glory, be with us, rejoice with us, sing praise with us, and pray with us now ...

We give you thanks, God of all life, for the wonder and mystery of your creation, **for the blessing of your abiding faithfulness**, for your enduring love amidst our confusion and fear, **for your way that makes a way where there is no way.**

We give thanks that we are surrounded by such a host of witnesses, all defenders of Earth and life, **all who have made their lives a light**, giving us the courage to walk the path that leads to life.

We thank you for Jesus, that in his living, his dying and rising we come to see your face and know your heart, **hear your call** and be filled with your power for life.

So it is that we join our voice with all your people, seen and unseen, as we sing

O holy, holy, holy God, O God of time and space, All earth and sea and sky above bear witness to your grace. Hosanna in the highest heaven, creation sings your praise.

And blessed is the One who comes and bears your name always!

-MV203

On the night he was betrayed, Jesus gathered with his friends for a meal. As he lifted the bread to bless it, it was as though his whole life was gathered up in that loaf. He thanked you. "My body," he said, breaking the bread to share with his friends. "Eat this, and let it become part of you. Do this in the awareness that I am with you."

Then he lifted the cup ... as though it was brimming with his whole life. "My life is poured out that the power of forgiveness may be released among you," he said. "I am the vine, you are the branches. Apart from me you can do nothing. Drink this all of you. Remain in my love."

We remember also those in need of your saving grace this day. **God of all life, hear the prayers of our hearts ...**

Pour out your Spirit upon us, and upon these gifts.

Make us one with Christ in his self-giving.

As we are fed with the bread of life and warmed with the cup of compassion, may we become what we receive: Christ's own body, life freely given for the healing of the world.

In this hope and as your people we praise you, God most holy, now and forever.

Lord's prayer