GATHERING IN THE SPIRIT

Music for Meditation

Welcome

Gathering Song

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: Marc and Judy Hafso

Territorial Acknowledgement

We acknowledge that we are occupying unceded land of the Coast Salish, Lekwungen speaking people who have been sustained in body, mind and spirit through their relationship with this land for thousands of years.
I am grateful to be part of a congregation that is hearing the call to continue learning of our colonial history and the on-going impacts of our privilege, and taking up the challenging and healing work toward reconciliation.

Lighting the Christ Candle

Opening Prayer

For earth's cycles and seasons,
for the rising of spring and the growing summer,
for autumn's fullness and the hidden depths of winter
thanks be to you O God.
Let us learn from earth's cycles of birthing,
the times and seasons of dying.
Let us learn of you, O Christ, in the soil of our souls and of your journey through death to birth.
Amen.
- J Philip Newell, adapted

Hymn VU 278 In the Quiet Curve

Sharing the Peace of Christ

SHARING THE GOOD NEWS

Opening to the Word

Day after day, night after night,
you speak through everything
MV 123 words: Lynn Bauman; music: Linnea Good

Scripture reading: Ecclesiastes 3: 1-9

Reflection

RESPONDING WITH OUR WHOLE HEARTS

"Parable" ~ by M.D Rid and Patrick Loon
based on Ecclesiastes 3 and Matthew 13: 4-8

Prayers of the People

response: Spirit of Life, rest on your people
waken your song deep in our hearts

Offering our Gifts (*offering plates available at each door)*

GOING OUT TO SERVE

Hymn Praise for the Seasons' Yearly Round

As the sun with longer journey melts the winter's snow and ice,
With its slowly growing radiance
warms the seed beneath the earth,
May the sun of Christ's uprising
gently bring our hearts to life.

As the spring gives way to summer, seed once hidden yields delight,
Days of growing daylight revive us, lifting spirits, setting us free
May the warmth and light release in us
gifts of your outpouring grace.

continued ...

With autumn's fire-y colours
comes the short'ning of our days
Trees with heaven's glory bursting,
surrender their great wealth to the earth.
Help us to accept the endings we foresee,
harvesting the good we receive.

In the biting cold of winter, wisdom takes a turn inside.
Trees while stripped and bare aren't dying,
but are gath'ring strength within.
So within us too dwells Possibility
for a future yet unrevealed.

Praise be given to the Maker of the seasons' yearly round,
for the wonder of the changes,
each bestowing gifts so profound.
Grant us to perceive your wisdom,
breathed through Earth's most holy design.

Commissioning and Blessing

Response

Like a rock, like a rock, God is under our feet.
Like a starry night sky, God is over our head.
Like the sun on the horizon, God is ever before,
Like a river runs to ocean, our home is in God evermore.

-Mv 92 words: Keri Wehlander, music: Linnea Good

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James Bay United Church

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

November 20, 2022

Season of Creation







THIS WEEK AT JAMES BAY UNITED CHURCH:

Tuesday, November 22 - Jazz at the Church 7-8:30pm
Proudly presents the Ryan Oliver Mandala Quartet! Juno-nominated tenor saxophonist brings his huge sound, virtuosity and love of the spiritual side of saxophone - in the traditional of saxophone greats John Coltrane and Pharaoh Sanders - to the stage at Tuesday Night Jazz! In honour of the recent passing of Pharaoh Sanders, Ryan has assembled an all-star quartet to celebrate the influence of Indian classical music and meditative music in jazz. Ryan Oliver - tenor saxophone, flute, Ken Lister- bass, Kelby McNayr- drums, & special Guest- Niel Golden - tabla, harmonium, Tanpura
Masks required on the main floor, masks optional in balcony.
Admission by donation ($20 suggested donation)

Wednesday, November 23 at 9AM – 10:30 *and ongoing*
***Qigong* and *Taijiquan* (Tai Chi) with Curtis Nadj**
An introductory course in the traditional arts of *Qigong* and *Taijiquan*(aka Tai Chi) with teacher Curtis Nadj.
James Bay United Church, Lower Hall
$45 suggested donation/month

JBUC Thursday Morning Prayer - 8 am to around 8:20.
For more info: www.jamesbayunitedchurch – EVENTS

Thursday November 24, 9:30am- 12:30pm
Victoria Through First Nation's Eyes A few spots are still open in this Thursday's walk through downtown with Songhees guide Mark Albany. We begin at the Longhouse next to the BC museum and end at Delta Point. Please contact Karen Dickey kdickey@shaw.ca ASAP to indicate your interest.

Friday, Nov. 25 - JBUC Thrift Shop Open 10am – 1pm
Saturday, Nov. 26 - JBUC Thrift Shop Open 10am – 1pm
Donations Received: *Wed. thru Sat. 10am - 12noon.*
MASKS REQUIRED

ANNOUNCEMENTS

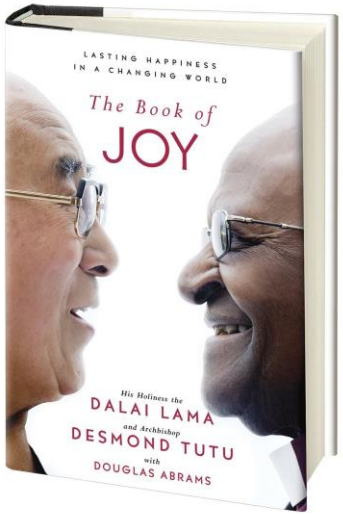
Starting a Weekly Breakfast for our Unhoused Neighbours
Looking for volunteers to help with a weekly breakfast for our unhoused neighbours in Irving Park and area. It would be in the church hall 10:00-12:00. You can do a task that suits you, make coffee, prepare food, welcome folks, cook. Anyone with real cooking experience would be a bonus. I want to start small to get this going but need helpers. It's very cold now and providing some warmth and food to start the day would be a show of kindness and caring to those who must endure the severe weather. Contact me by email or in person at church. Thank you, Joanne Keelan

Community Guitar Class with Aaron Watson!
Monday Evenings: 7 – 8:30pm – JBUC Sanctuary
Sessions run in 12 week cycles, on-going with a few breaks for holidays.

We will get together to learn about the guitar from the ground up, develop our listening and performing skills and sing and play a dizzying array of music made fun and accessible through Aaron's teaching style.
Suggested: $12/ class payable by the session.
(Sliding scale available).

James Bay Community Chorus happens Wed. nights 7pm - 9pm each week.
This non-auditioned community choir welcomes all:
Questions? Christine 250-882-5668 / **cchepyha@gmail.com**

Camera Operators ~ We are looking to grow our team of Camera Operators for our livestream on Sunday mornings. No experience necessary. Training provided with on-going support each Sunday. The commitment would be for roughly one Sunday morning in four. The current operators report that it's even fun! ***Questions? Want to know more?***
Please speak to Nathan at the tech table or Sarah Hovey who joined the team most recently.



Opening to Joy this Advent
How can we live with joy in a world filled with suffering? If is this your question too consider being part of a book group this Advent as we read **The Book of Joy**, by Archbishop Desmond Tutu and His Holiness, the Dali Lama, two people who know suffering well AND exude a joy in life.
4 Wednesdays beginning November 30, **4-6:30 pm** – conversation followed by supper together in the lower hall.

Contact Karen by Tuesday to secure a book.

Lighting our Advent Candles
Advent means "coming." This is the season in which we welcome with intention and all the more the coming of Love's way, as revealed in Jesus. We do so by tapping into HOPE, by risking the ways of PEACE, by opening to JOY, by responding with LOVE. This year it would be wonderful to have your voices each week as we light the candles of our Advent wreath. Over the next 4 weeks, I invite you to contemplate one of these paths of welcome each week -- how are you tapping into hope? risking ways of peace? opening to joy? responding to love? Please watch for an opportunity to share your thoughts in each of the coming weeks' e-news or share your thoughts with Karen kdickey@shaw.ca or in person.

