GATHERING IN THE SPIRIT

Music for Meditation

Welcome

Territorial Acknowledgement

We acknowledge that we are occupying unceded land of the Strait Salish, lək̓ʷəŋən 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.

Gathering Song

♫ ♪ **Christ be our light, shine in our hearts,**
Shine through the darkness,
Christ be our light! Shine in your church gathered today.

Many the gifts, many the people,
many that hearts that yearn to belong.
Let us be servants to one another,
making your kingdom come.

Christ be our light ...
-words and music: Bernadette Farrell

Lighting the Love Candle

♪♫ **Christ be our light, shine in our hearts ...**

Opening Prayer

Hymn VU 9 People Look East

Sharing the Peace of Christ

SHARING THE GOOD NEWS

Opening to the Word

♪♫ **In silence we wait, in darkness you come to us**
bring us your light.
-words and music: Susan Masters

Scripture reading: Luke 1: 46-56

Reflection

Hymn MV 120 My Soul Cries Out

RESPONDING WITH OUR WHOLE HEARTS

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

Communion Celebration
Great Thanksgiving [see insert]
Communion Songs

♪♫ **Bread for the world, a world of hunger,**
Wine for all people, people who thirst.
May we who eat, be bread for others,
May we who drink, pour out our love
-words and music: Bernadette Farrell

♫ ♪ **Come and fill our hearts with your love,**
You, the Source of Life are hole.
Come and fill our hearts with your love. Alleluia.
-MV 16 words: Taize Community; music: Jacques Berthier

GOING OUT TO SERVE

Hymn VU 17 O Ancient Love

Commissioning and Blessing
Response

♪♫ **Love shines as a solitary star, faith is the inner light.**
You and I together mirror the Light of Lights
And illumine the pathway home.
-MV 220 words: Catherine Faith MacLean;
music: Janet Bauman Tissandier

WOULD YOU CONSIDER GOING ON PAR
FOR YOUR MONTHLY DONATIONS?

(Pre-Authorized Remittance)

…where your offering is withdrawn automatically each month from either your bank account or a credit card.
There are monthly options as to what category you would like your donation to go to.
If you are interested you can pick up a PAR form in the brochure rack in the sanctuary.
Please contact our office administrator to assist you in setting things up. Vanya will be happy to help.
250-384-5821 or jbuchurch@gmail.com

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James Bay United Church

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

December 18, 2022
ADVENT 4 – LOVE



Wednesday, December 21, 7 PM
Join us for a **Soulful Solstice Sing-along** honouring the longest day of the year and celebrating the return of the light! **Rebekah Demirel** shares her joy-filled coral leadership and a timeless repertoire of catchy tunes that will make you smile and warm your heart as we celebrate the returning of the light! Wear warm clothing and please bring a mask, we will be singing in the lovely sanctuary at James Bay United Church and will keep the doors open to allow for maxiumum ventillation. ***Your $5-10 donation goes direcly to Neighbourhood Solidarity with Un-Housed Neighbours***

Thursday, December 22 JBUC Thursday Morning Prayer
8 am to around 8:20. For more info: www.jamesbayunitedchurch
Thursday Brunch, 10:00-12:00 – lower hall
Dear congregation, Please consider dropping by the Thursday Brunch, 10:00-12:00. Meet our wonderful volunteers from the neighbourhood and enjoy a hot meal prepared by our professional chef and his helpers. Or just come for a hot drink and say "Hello." We look forward to seeing you,Joanne Keelan

Friday, Dec. 23 – Feb. 4 JBUC Thrift Shop - CLOSED

Christmas Eve, Saturday, December 24
4PM "A Way in a Manger" (child welcoming)
8PM Carols, Candlelight, Communion - **8pm**
We'll open the doors to especially welcome young ones as we put on the sacred story of this night. Less rambunctious, but no less poignant, we'll gather at 8pm in candlelight, celebrating with carols and communion.

Sunday, December 25 - Thinking about Christmas Dinner ~If you or someone you know would be glad of the opportunity to gather with others on Christmas day for a Christmas dinner at the church (free of charge), and / or if you would like to lend a hand in bringing it all together, please contact Sinan socialjustice.jbuc@gmail.com

THIS WEEK AT JAMES BAY UNITED CHURCH:

TODAY! Christmas Eve Choir The choir will sing on Christmas Eve in the 8pm service, and anybody is welcome to join. Practice times are: Sunday December 18 from 11:50-12:50 (following coffee) in the JBUC Sanctuary. The second will take place on Christmas Eve before the service (exact time tbc).

Monday, December 19, 7 PM - Sanctuary
The Great American Songbook Trio featuring **Ms. Louise Rose, Joey Smith** and **Kelby MacNayr** presents a special seasonal concert and sing-along at James Bay United Church!
James Bay United Church Sanctuary, admission by donation

Tuesday, December 20, 7 PM - Sanctuary
Tuesday Night Jazz at the Church presents New Music for the Winter Solstice with Montreal's acclaimed **Kate Wyatt/Adrian Vedady Quartet**, Featuring Roy Styffe and Kelby MacNayr
James Bay United Church Sanctuary, admission by donation
Masks required on the main floor, masks optional in balcony.
Admission by donation ($20 suggested donation)

Wednesday, December 21 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

Wednesday, December 21, 4- 6:30pm
Conversation & supper centered around **The Book of Joy** by Archbishop Desmond Tutu and His Holiness, the Dali Lama