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.**

Lighting the Christ Candle

**Holy light, still burning bright,
presence of God that frees us,
Life the shadows from our soul,
shine through our life Christ Jesus.**

**Holy fire, our heart's desire, dance of our life, pursue us.
Mend our frozen broken hearts, Spirit of God renew us.**
-words and music: Jim Strathdee

Opening Prayer

**O Holy One you breathe and there is life.
You speak and whole worlds are made possible.
As we waken into the seeming sameness of this day
you know that there is yet more in store for us.
And so you call us to venture once more.
In all that you pour forth,
may we sense your shimmering presence
and so be drawn more fully and freely
to share in your heart's desire.
We pray in the name of Jesus, in whom we find our way
to abundant life. Amen**

Hymn VU 563 Jesus You Have Come to the Lakeshore

Sharing the Peace of Christ

SHARING THE GOOD NEWS

Opening to the Word

♫ ♪ **Open our hearts, open our minds,
open our lives to you O loving God.
Open our hearts ...**
-MV 21 words and music: Jim Strathdee

Scripture: Matthew 4: 12- 23

Reflection

RESPONDING WITH OUR WHOLE HEARTS

Hymn VU 567 Will You Come and Follow Me

Offering Ourselves with our Gifts

Prayers of the People

Lord's prayer

**Our Father/ Mother in heaven, hallowed by your name,
your kingdom come, your will be done on earth
as in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread.
Forgive us our trespasses
as we forgive those who trespass against us.
Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil,
for the kingdom, the power and the glory are yours,
now and forever. Amen**

GOING OUT TO SERVE

Hymn MV 106 I Am the Dream

Commissioning and Blessing

Response

♫ ♪ **Walk with me, I will walk with you,
and build the land that God has planned
where love shines through.**
-VU 649 words and music: John Rice

James Bay United Church

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

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