

Music for Mission: Jennifer Turner

## GATHERING IN THE SPIRIT

Gathering Song

~ VU 371 ~

♪ ♪ **Open eyes, that I may see glimpses of truth thou hast for me; place in my hands the wonderful key that shall unclasp and set me free. Silently now I wait for thee, ready, my God, thy will to see. Open my ears, illumine me, Spirit divine!**

**Open my ears, that I may hear voices of truth thou sendest clear; and while the wavenotes fall on my ear, everything false will disappear. Silently now I wait for thee, ready, my God, thy will to see. Open my ears, illumine me, Spirit divine!**

**Open my mouth, and let me bear gladly the warm truth everywhere; open my heart and let me prepare love with thy children thus to share. Silently now I wait for thee, ready, my God, thy will to see. Open my ears, illumine me, Spirit divine!**

Welcome: Rev. Greg Powell

Territorial Acknowledgement

**The land on which we gather has sustained the Ləkʷəŋən 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: Richard Wey

♪ ♪ **We are walking a path of love (x 3)**  
**Lead us home. Lead us home** ~ MV 221 ~

Opening Prayer

**Holy mystery, we gather in your presence and in your name, hoping to have our own cups filled and hoping to reflect the light of Christ. As we recommit to being the hands and feet of Christ – hands that healed and feet that journeyed – inspire us to do so out of joy and hope. Hear and receive our gratitude today. Amen.**

Hymn: MV 12 Come Touch Our Hearts

Sharing the Peace of Christ

## SHARING THE GOOD NEWS

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

Scripture Reading 1 Corinthians 12: 12 - 31a

Reader: Elvira Sentes

Reflection: Rev. Greg Powell

Hymn: MV 171 Christ Has No Body Now but Yours

Prayers of the People

♪ ♪ Leader: Flower of Compassion...

Response: **Bloom within, bloom within, bloom within each heart.**

Lord's Prayer:

**O most Compassionate Life-giver,  
may we honor and praise you;  
May we work with you to establish your new order of  
justice peace and love;  
Give us what we need for growth, and help us, through  
forgiving others, to accept forgiveness.  
Strengthen us in the time of testing, that we may resist all  
evil, for all tenderness, strength and love are yours, now  
and forever. Amen.** *Bill Wallace, Aotearoa/New Zealand*

### **RESPONDING WITH OUR WHOLE HEARTS**

Offering Ourselves with our Gifts

Offertory Response

~ MV 151 ~

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

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**Your will be done on earth (x 2)**

Announcements: Work of the People

### **GOING OUT TO SERVE**

Hymn: VU 578 As a Fire Is Meant for Burning

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*

## **James Bay United Church**

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

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