

Music for Meditation: Jennifer Turner

## GATHERING IN THE SPIRIT

Gathering Song

~ J. & M. Hafso ~

♪ ♪ We are standing on holy ground.  
We are standing on holy ground.  
God has called, we are journey bound  
Standing on, standing on holy ground.

Welcome: Mahima Sylvester

Territorial Acknowledgement

**We gather on land that has sustained the  
Kosapsum, the Songhees, and their trading  
partners for a long time even before churches,  
houses, shops, and community centres were built.  
We seek reconciliation and right relationship; we  
also seek wisdom to be good stewards of the land  
and good stewards of power for the sake of all life.**

Lighting the Christ Candle: Mahima Silvester

Opening Prayer

**Creator, Mother Father God, we come together on  
this day, grateful for the lives you have given to us  
and to all of creation. At this very challenging time  
in the history of our world, we open ourselves ever  
more deeply to following in the way of the  
teachings of Jesus.**

**As we begin to explore other paths to you, may we  
have open hearts, questing minds and boundless  
faith in you, so that we may see your face in the  
face of others. Amen**

Hymn: VU 371 Open My Eyes, That I May See

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: Matthew 25:36-40

Read by: Karen Halliday

Reading/Reflection from *Holy Envy* by Barbara  
Brown Taylor

Read by: Sarah Hovey

Prayer from the Qur'an: Qur'an 49:13  
O mankind! Truly We created you from a male and  
a female, and We made you peoples and tribes  
that you may come to know one another. Surely  
the most noble of you before God are the most  
reverent of you. Truly God is Knowing, Aware.

**Question to consider:**

**In what ways are the various elements of these  
Summer EnLightenment services shifting your  
perspective or stirring your compassion?**

Hymn: Song of Community (See Insert)

~ Carolyn McDade ~

## RESPONDING WITH OUR WHOLE HEARTS

Prayers of the People: Cheryl Mcpherson

Work of the People

Offering Ourselves with our Gifts

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

## GOING OUT TO SERVE

Hymn: MV 173 Put Peace into Each Other's Hands  
(Vs. 1, 2, 4, 5)

Commissioning and Blessing

Response ~ MV 221 ~

♪ ♪ **We are walking a path of Love (x 3)**  
**Lead us home, lead us home.**

**We are walking a path of Peace (x 3)**  
**Lead us home, lead us home**

## James Bay United Church

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

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## Finding God in the Faith of Others - Rev. Barbara Brown Taylor

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