

Music Meditation: Jennifer Turner

GATHERING IN THE SPIRIT

Gathering Choir Anthem ~ Luke Wallace ~

♪ ♪ ...**Easy on the earth, lightly on the water,
remember this place is for your sons and daughters.
Easy on the earth, lightly on the water,
remember who this place is for.**

Welcome: Rev. Greg Powell

Territorial Acknowledgement

**The area now known as James Bay was home to
the Kosapsum and the Songhees long before
contact with explorers and travelers from far away.
The list of injustices between then and now is
long. We commit to the path of reconciliation, that
all may be one.**

Lighting the Christ Candle

Filling the baptismal font ~ MV 163 ~

♪ **River running in you and me, Spirit of life,
deep mystery, dancing down to the holy sea,
River run deep, River run free.**

♪ **River singin' in you and me, Spirit of life -
deep mystery - catch us up in your melody.
River run deep, River run free.**

Opening Prayer

**God of one, God of all, yours is the mysterious
presence that draws out the best in us. You unite
with us, you encourage us, you remind us that we
are made of the same light and love that made
Jesus the Christ. Receive, today, the worship we
offer in song, prayer, word, and thought. Amen.**

Hymn MV 135 Called By Earth and Sky

Sharing the Peace of Christ

Instrumental Meditation

Silent Meditation

Sung Meditation ~ MV 16 ~

♪ **Come and fill our hearts with your love.
You the source of life are holy.
Come and fill our hearts with your love. Alleluia!**

SHARING THE GOOD NEWS

Scripture Readings: Genesis 1:1–10, John 4:5–14

Read by: Owen McCooey

♪ **Alleluia, your word oh God is spirit and life.
Alleluia, open our hearts to your word.**

~ Bernadette Farrell ~

Reflection

Hymn MV 144 Like a Healing Stream

RESPONDING WITH OUR WHOLE HEARTS

Offering Ourselves with our Gifts ~ VU 538 Tune: Cradle Song ~

♪ ♪ **For the gift of creation, the gift of your love, and
the gift of the Spirit by which we live, we thank you
and give you the fruit of our hands. May your grace
be proclaimed by the gifts that we give.**

Work of the People

GOING OUT TO SERVE

Hymn MV 87 Water Flowing from the Mountains

Commissioning and Blessing

Response

~ MV 92 ~

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

James Bay United Church

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

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God Unites With Us Through Water



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