

Music: Jennifer Turner

GATHERING IN THE SPIRIT

Gathering Song

~ MV 1 ~

♪ Let us build a house where love can dwell and all can safely live, a place where saints and children tell how hearts learn to forgive. Built of hopes and dreams and visions, rock of faith and vault of grace; here the love of Christ shall end divisions:

**All are welcome, all are welcome,
All are welcome in this place.**

♪ Let us build a house where all are named, their songs and visions heart, and loved and treasured taught and claimed as words within the Word. Built of tears and cries and laughter, prayers of faith and songs of grace; let this house proclaim from floor to rafter:

**All are welcome, all are welcome,
All are welcome in this place.**

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

Opening Prayer

God of justice and grace, your goodness abounds, and so we give you thanks. We also recognize there are still too many who don't know of your providence because of circumstances like poverty, unjust distribution of power, or harmful actions.

**Help us to live into your grace and to share that grace with all the world, that each and every creature on Earth would know the abundant life. Hear our thanks and remind us that your grace and love know no bounds.
Amen**

Hymn MV 28 God of the Bible

Sharing the Peace of Christ

Parents may take children to the Sunday Kids room.

SHARING THE GOOD NEWS

♪ **Love is calling, be open O my heart** ~ B. Hesla ~

Scripture Readings: Luke 18:1-8

Read by: Bev Tracey

Reflection

Hymn VU 678 For the Healing of the Nations

RESPONDING WITH OUR WHOLE HEARTS

Prayers of the People

The Lord's Prayer (sung responsively)

Offering Ourselves with our Gifts

~ VU 701 ~

♪ **What does the Lord Require of You?**

♪ **To speak justice, and love kindness and walk humbly with your God.**

♪ **Justice, kindness, walk humbly with your God.**

Work of the People

GOING OUT TO SERVE

Hymn VU 578 As a Fire is Meant for Burning

Commissioning and Blessing

Response

~ MV 143 ~

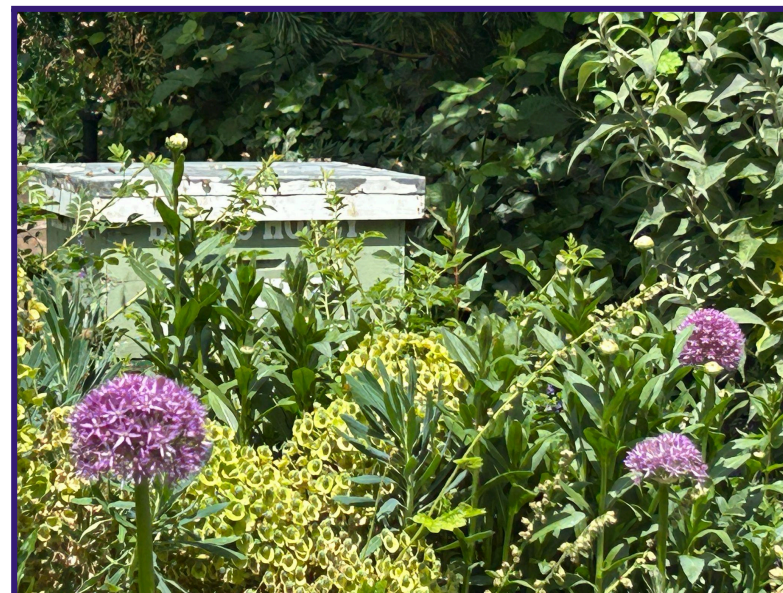
♪ **God calls humanity to join as partners in creating a future free from want or fear, life's goodness celebrating, that new world beckons from afar from, invites our shared endeavour, that all may have abundant life and peace endure forever.**

James Bay United Church

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

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Local Food Security as God's Justice



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