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Music for Meditation: Jennifer Turner

GATHERING IN THE SPIRIT

Gathering Song ~ J. Walker ~

♪ **Slow me down. Still my restless mind.
Quell my fears. Quench my thirsty soul.
Fill me with your love. God of Truth. God of Love.**

Welcome

Territorial Acknowledgement

The history between the Indigenous nations of this area –including the Kosapsum and the Songhees– and those who arrived more recently is fraught with injustice and violence. Together, we seek to reconcile such that there is a fair sharing of power, and such that all may be one.

Lighting the Christ Candle

♪ **In you there is a refuge, in you we find our peace. When all we know is chaos may our trust in you increase. In you there is a silence, in you our minds are clear. When all we hear is discord may your quiet draw us near.** ~ MV 84 ~

Opening Prayer:

Source of life, One who calls us to peace, you invite us to step away from the daily flow of life to consider that which is greater than ourselves. So here we are, ready to contemplate your invitation to peace and to give thanks for the many blessings of life. Help us to attune to your ways, letting go of that which does not nourish life. Hear our prayer today. Amen.

Hymn VU 374 Come and Find the Quiet Centre

Sharing the Peace of Christ

Parents may take children to the Sunday Kids room.

SHARING THE GOOD NEWS

♪ **Spirit, open my heart to the joy and pain of living.
As you love may I love, in receiving and in giving,
Spirit, open my heart.** ~ MV 79 ~

Scripture Reading: Luke 21:5-19

Read by: Janice Langley

Hymn MV 73 O God, Why Are You Silent?

Reflection

Hymn *God of Day and God of Darkness* (see insert)

RESPONDING WITH OUR WHOLE HEARTS

Prayers of the People

Offering Ourselves with our Gifts ~ MV 84 ~

♪ **In you there is a vision, in you we learn to dream.
When all we see is desert may you be our living stream. In you there is a future, in you we find our way. When hope has shed its brightness may you show us a new way.**

Minute for Ministry

Work of the People

Hymn: MV 165 There is a Time (V.1-4)

GOING OUT TO SERVE

Commissioning and Blessing

Response ~ MV 165 (V.5) ~
There is a bow within the rain
And it will come and bend again
And colours shine where we have been together

For blessed are our lives, blessed our love
And blessed the promise gathered now.

James Bay United Church

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

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Embracing the Darkness

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