

Minister: Rev. Greg Powell
Music Minister: Jennifer Turner

GATHERING IN THE SPIRIT

Gathering Song ~ MV 77 ~

♪ **Be still and know that I am God [x 2]**

♪ **Be still, be still and know I am God.**

Welcome

Territorial Acknowledgement

We gather on land that sustained bodies, hopes, and dreams long before the Kosapsum and Songees encountered others from far away. And so we recommit to a journey toward reconciliation, one that is not easy.

Fasting and Feasting

♪ **Return to God with all your heart,** ~ Marty Haugen ~
the source of grace and mercy,
come seek the tender faithfulness of God.

Tenebrae candle

Opening Prayer

Creator, Source of all life, you have drawn us together for reasons we can only imagine. We trust that our Lenten journey through the wilderness takes us to wild places of discovery, and that at the end we return to find ourselves transformed and made whole. Help us to feel your presence through it all. Help us to keep the light of Christ as the light that guides our journeys. Amen

Hymn VU 384 The Lone, Wild Bird

Passing the Peace of Christ

SHARING THE GOOD NEWS

Opening to the Word ~ Linnea Good ~

♪ **Listen in the Silence, Listen in the noise.**
Listen for the sound of the Spirit's voice

Scripture Reading: John 3:1-17

Read by: Mahima Silvester

♪ **Where streams run dry; Where streams run dry.**
Where streams run dry in the wilderness,
roots run deep. ~ Linnea Good ~

A Moment with Nicodemus with Milt Papa George,
written by Colleen Adair

Reflection

Hymn MV 144 Like a Healing Stream

RESPONDING WITH OUR WHOLE HEARTS

Communion

Communion Songs

♪ **Bread of life, feed our souls,** ~ MV 194 ~
As the presence of the Spirit makes us whole
Bread of life, fill our hearts,
With the grace and mercy you impart.

♪ **Eat this bread, drink this cup;** ~ VU 466 ~
Come to me and never be hungry.
Eat this bread, drink this cup;
Trust in me and you will not thirst.

The Lord's Prayer ~ Paraphrase by by Steve Garnaas-Holmes ~

Beloved, Center and Source of our living,
whose presence is heaven, your holy love fills
Creation.

**May your delight be fulfilled
and your Realm unfold among us,
the visible world blossoming out of the unseen.
We turn to you alone for our sustenance,
the bread of life each day.
Set us free from our failings,
as we set free all who have failed us
Lead us beyond our desires
and save us from the grip of evil.
For the world is within you;
all power is from you, and all glory is about you,
in eternity, which is in the present moment.
Amen.**

Offering

Offertory Response ~ VU 579 ~
♪ **The church is wherever God's people are helping,
caring for neighbours in sickness and need. The
church is wherever God's people are sharing the words
of the Bible in gift and in deed.**

Minute for Ministry: Pastoral Care Team

Announcements: Work of the People

GOING OUT TO SERVE

Hymn VU 613 We Cannot Measure How You Heal
Tune: Traditional Scottish

Commissioning and Blessing

Response: ~ Linnea Good ~
♪ **In God we live and move,
In God we have our being,
In God we shall remain,
In God is our abiding.**

James Bay United Church

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

March 1, 2026
Second Sunday of Lent
Jesus & Nicodemus



The Lent Lily

*The daffodil, a welcomed sign of spring, is also
known in some faith traditions as "The Lent Lily"
~ thought to open on Ash Wednesday
and to die on Easter Sunday.*