

Presiding: Colleen Nichol
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.

Opening Prayer

O tender and mighty and all-knowing God, In our Lenten journeys and beyond, penetrate our blindness with your light of Truth, your light of Grace, your light of Compassion for the deepest places in our souls. Enlighten us so that - with you - we may be compassionate, grace-filled, true lights for the world. AMEN

Fasting and Feasting

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

~ Marty Haugen ~

Tenebrae candle

Hymn MV 10 Come and Seek the Ways of Wisdom

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 9:1-41

Read by: Owen McCooley

♪ **Bathe me in your light, O God of All, Creator; Let it shine upon my soul with healing and with grace.**

Be to me a beacon bright through shadows of life's wounding, showing me the way to live in faith, in your embrace

~ MV 82, vs. 1 ~

A Moment with the man born blind - Sarah Hovey

Reflection ~ Mahima Silvester

Hymn VU 371 Open My Eyes, That I May See

RESPONDING WITH OUR WHOLE HEARTS

Communion ~ Bev Tracey

Communion Song

~ MV 194 ~

♪ **Bread of life, feed my soul, As the presence of the Spirit makes me whole. Bread of life, fill my heart With the grace and mercy you impart.**

The Lord's Prayer ~ Paraphrase 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.**

Announcements: Work of the People

GOING OUT TO SERVE

Hymn MV 138 My Love Colours Outside the Lines

Commissioning and Blessing

Response: ~ MV 82, vs. 3 ~

♪ **Bathe me in your grace, O one of Spirit's longing;
Teach me of your gentle ways that fill the soul with strength.
Guide me on the pilgrimage that leads to truth and
wholeness,**

Fill me with the promise of a love that knows no length.

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James Bay United Church

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

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**Fourth Sunday of Lent
Jesus Heals the Blind Man**



*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.*