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GATHERING IN THE SPIRIT

Gathering Song ~ B. Farrell ~
♪ **Spirit of Life, rest on your people.**
Waken your song, deep in our hearts.

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.

Lighting the Christ Candle

Opening Prayer
God of all times and places, source of all life, we can only imagine all the delights ahead of us in life. You invited us into existence and then into this place. We gather for many reasons: to dwell in mystery; to wonder about all that is; to lament; and to give thanks. Hear the gratitude in our song and in our prayer. Hear the yearnings of our hearts. Amen.

Hymn VU 282 Long before the Night

SHARING THE GOOD NEWS

Passing the Peace of Christ

Story of Faith: Jackie Cox-Ziegler

Opening to the Word ~ B. Farrell ~
♪ **Alleluia your word oh God is spirit and life.**
Alleluia, open our hearts to your word.

Scripture Reading: John 17:1-11
Read by: Milt Papageorge

Reflection

Hymn MV 49 When We Seek Language

RESPONDING WITH OUR WHOLE HEARTS

Prayers of the People

The Lord's Prayer (sung responsively) ~ J. Strathdee ~

Offering

Offertory Response ~ MV 130 ~
♪ **Rise up, rise up, rise up, O my soul.**
Rise up and sing this blessing to God's name.
Rise up, rise up, rise up, O my soul.
Rise up and sing this blessing to God's name.

Announcements: Work of the People

GOING OUT TO SERVE

Hymn MV 106 I Am the Dream

Commissioning and Blessing

Response: ~ MV 214 ~
♪ **May God's sheltering wings,**
Her gathering wings protect you.
May God's nurturing arms,
Her cradling arms sustain you,
And hold you in her love (R)

James Bay United Church

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

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7th Sunday of Easter

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