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GATHERING IN THE SPIRIT

Gathering Song: MV 41 O Beautiful Gaia

Welcome

Territorial Acknowledgement

Over human history, groups of us moved about in search of food, security, and flourishing life. This meant encountering others who already occupied that land; conflict often ensued. James Bay United Church sits on land that the Songhees and Kosapsum occupied before the arrival of folks from other places. We honour that history and the perseverance, as we seek reconciliation and right relationship.

Lighting the Christ Candle

*Choir: *The Gift* by Russell Wallace

Prayer to the Four Directions

Hymn MV 12 Come Touch our Hearts

SHARING THE GOOD NEWS

Passing the Peace of Christ

Opening to the Word

~ B. Hesla ~

♪ **Listen, listen. Be Open O my Heart.**

Scripture Reading: Ephesians 2:11-22

Read by: Owen McCooey

Reflection

Hymn TLUS 158 On this good earth (see Insert)

RESPONDING WITH OUR WHOLE HEARTS

Prayers of the People

The Prayer of Jesus

O Great Spirit, our Father from above,
we honor your name as sacred and holy.

Bring your good road to us,
where the beauty of your ways in the spirit-world above
is reflected in the earth below.

Provide for us day by day—
the elk, the buffalo, and the salmon.
The corn, the squash, and the wild rice.
All the things we need for each day.

Release us from the things we have done wrong,
in the same way we release others for the things done
wrong to us.

Guide us away from the things that tempt us to stray
from your good road,
and set us free from the evil one and his worthless
ways.

Aho! May it be so!

Offering

Offertory Response

~ C. McDade ~

♪ **A love that heals, friend, that bends, friend,
that rising and turning then yields, friend,
Like the mountain to rain, or frost in the
spring, or darkness that turns with the dawn.
It's by turning, turning, turning, my friend,
by turning that love moves on.**

Announcements: Work of the People

GOING OUT TO SERVE

Hymn VU 295 The Earth and All Who Breathe

Commissioning and Blessing

Response:

~ MV 143 ~

♪ **We cannot own the sunlit sky,
The moon, the wildflow'rs growing,
For we are part of all that is
within life's river flowing.
With open hands receive and share
the gifts or all creation
That all may have abundant life
in ev'ry earthly nation.**

*We are honoured to perform *The Gift* by Lil'wat composer Russell Wallace, celebrating Indigenous creators on the unceded territory of the Lekwungen-speaking peoples ©Cypress Choral Music 2013, Used w/perm.

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

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Father's Day**



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