

Presiding: Rev Greg Powell
Music Minister: Jennifer Turner

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## GATHERING IN THE SPIRIT

Gathering Song

~ MV 62 ~

♪ **There is room for all in the shadow of God's wing;  
There is room for all, sheltered in God's love.  
And I rejoice and sing,**

**"My refuge and my rock, in whom I trust."**

**There is room for all, There is room for all!**

Welcome

Territorial Acknowledgement

**We acknowledge that Kosapsum and Songhees peoples did not give up the right to the land that has sustained bodies, minds and spirits for thousands of years – despite colonial interpretations of the Douglas Treaty. We the people of James Bay United Church now occupy this same land and so we recommit to taking on the challenging and healing work to move toward reconciliation and right relationship.**

Lighting the Christ Candle

Opening Prayer

**Creating and inviting God, source of love, you draw us together to enliven us, sustain us, and challenge us. You ask of us our most loving selves. Help us to understand how to participate fully in this life, for the sake of all life. Receive today our thanks and praise. Amen**

Hymn MV 10 Come and Seek the Ways of Wisdom

## SHARING THE GOOD NEWS

Passing the Peace of Christ

Opening to the Word

~ Bernadette Farrell ~

♪ **Alleluia, your word oh God is spirit and life.  
Alleluia, open our hearts to your word!**

Scripture Reading: Matthew 15:10-28

Read by: Owen McCooey

Reflection

Hymn MV 82 Bathe Me in Your Light

## RESPONDING WITH OUR WHOLE HEARTS

Prayers of the People

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

Offering

Offertory Response

~ VU 701 ~

♪ **What does the Lord require of you? (x2)**

**Justice, kindness, walk humbly with your God.**

**To seek justice, and love kindness,  
and walk humbly with your God.**

Announcements: Work of the People

## GOING OUT TO SERVE

Hymn MV 106 I Am the Dream

Commissioning and Blessing

Response:

~ VU 649 refrain ~

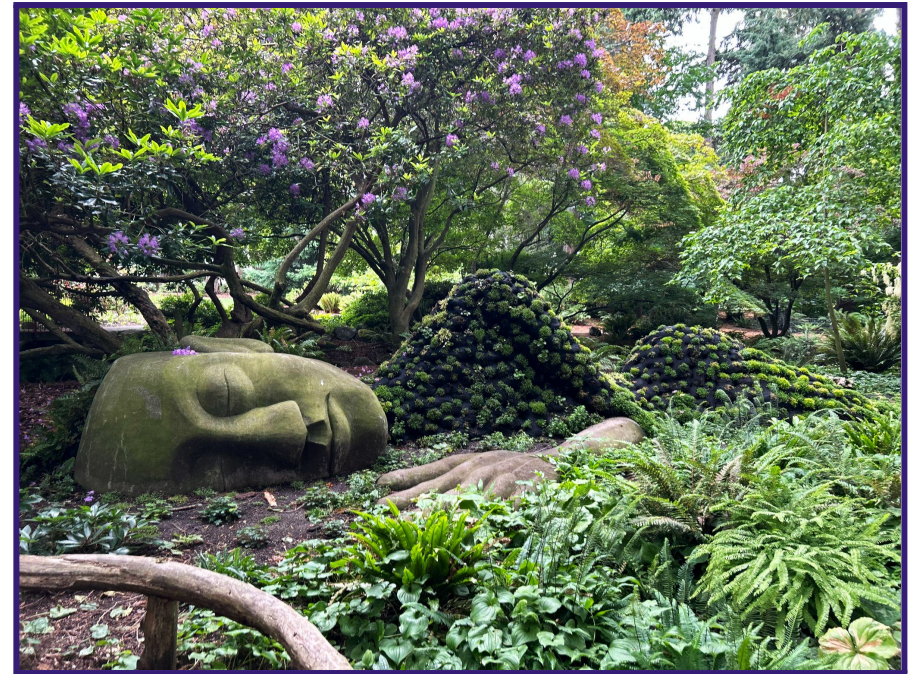
♪ **Walk with me, I will walk with you**  
**And build the land that God has planned**  
**Where love shines through.**

## James Bay United Church

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

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