

Welcoming Music: Jennifer Turner
Presiding: Rev Greg Powell

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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

**Source of life, you meet us in this place and in this moment because you haven't finished creating. You invite us into your project so that we would co-create the kind of world where everyone belongs. We work for justice. We work for peace. And for a time we pause the work to simply dwell in your presence, giving thanks for all that is. We give thanks for this gathering and for these people. Bless this time. Amen.**

Hymn VU 395 Come In, Come In and Sit Down

## SHARING THE GOOD NEWS

Passing the Peace of Christ

Opening to the Word

~ Bernadette Farrell ~

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

Scripture Reading: Matthew 16:13-20

Read by: Milt Papageorge

Reflection

Hymn MV 171 Christ Has No Body Now But Yours

## 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 VU 567 Will You Come and Follow Me

Commissioning and Blessing

Response:

~ VU 649 refrain and vs. 2 ~

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

**Now Peter was a most unlikely man to lead the flock,**  
**but Jesus knew his holiness and he became the Rock.**

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

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

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