

Presiding: Rev. Greg Powell
Music Minister: Jennifer Turner

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## GATHERING IN THE SPIRIT

Gathering Song:

~ TLUS 64 ~

♪ **There's a wild hope in the wind:  
Her whisper is heard on the breeze.  
The gale is her shout that is calling us out.  
There's a wild hope in the wind.**

**O God in the wind, come gather us in,  
Be our courage and promise.  
The light can feel dim,  
but we want to live into a wild, wild hope.**

Welcome

Territorial Acknowledgement

**The Kosapsum and Songhees moved, traded, and  
recognized the sacred on the same land where we now  
gather long before Jesus walked the earth. We work and  
pray for a future that is fairer than the past, which  
ultimately includes a vision of Indigenous and  
non-Indigenous dwelling in reconciliation.**

Lighting the Christ Candle

Opening Prayer

**Holy One, out of love you created the cosmos. You sent  
sages, healers, and prophets to show us how to live the  
good life. You sent Jesus, whose ways would set us free.  
We thank you for the good things in life. We lift up our  
laments to you. Guide us toward wholeness as we  
participate in eternal life. Hear our worship today. Amen.**

Hymn MV 12 Come Touch Our Hearts

## SHARING THE GOOD NEWS

Passing the Peace of Christ

Opening to the Word

~ J. Walker ~

♪ **Slow me down. Still my restless mind.  
Quell my fears. Quench my thirsty soul.  
Fill me with your love. God of Truth. God of Love.**

Scripture Reading: Matthew 22:15-22

Read by: Owen McCooey

Reflection

Hymn VU 694 To Us All, to Every Nation (Vs. 1, 2, 4)

## RESPONDING WITH OUR WHOLE HEARTS

Prayers of the People

The Lord's Prayer

Offering

Offertory Response

~ MV 85 ~

♪ **Take, O take me as I am;  
Summon out what I shall be;  
Set your seal upon my heart and live in me.**

Announcements: Work of the People

## GOING OUT TO SERVE

Hymn MV 65 When We Are Tested ~ *Tune: Slane* ~

Commissioning and Blessing

Response: ~ *VU 518 Vs. 2* ~

♪ **A world in need now summons us  
to labour, love, and give,  
to make our life an offering  
to God, that all may live.  
The church of Christ is calling us  
to make the dream come true:  
a world redeemed, by Christ-like love,  
all life in Christ made new.**

## James Bay United Church

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

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**What is Caesar's? What is God's?**



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