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 land that supports James Bay United Church is sacred land. It connects the Kosapsum and Songhees to sacred stories, as it connects all who gather now. May the sacred connections that unfold from this point be fair, respectful, and mutual. May this land bring us together in reconciliation when the time is right.

Lighting the Christ Candle

Opening Prayer
Holy One, we give thanks for this opportunity to gather, fully aware of your presence. We give thanks for this time away from the many demands of life, a time to simply be. We ask that you would transform our lives, knowing that you love us just as we are and that we are capable of great feats of love. Hear the thanks and the worries we offer in prayer, song, and thought. Amen.

Hymn MV 12 Come Touch Our Hearts

Passing the Peace of Christ

SHARING THE GOOD NEWS

Opening to the Word *~ M. Haugen ~*

♫ **Return to God with all your heart,**
The source of grace and mercy.
Come seek the tender faithfulness of love.

Scripture Reading: Romans 12:17-21;
Ephesians 6:10-18, Read by: Janice Langley

Reflection

Hymn *Gentle God, When We Are Driven* (see reverse)

RESPONDING WITH OUR WHOLE HEARTS

Prayers of the People

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 *Song of Community* (see Insert)

Commissioning and Blessing

Response: *~ MV 151 ~*

♫ **Your will be done, be done on earth (x 2)**
Your will be done, be done on earth.
Your will be done on earth.
Your will be done on earth.
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Gentle God, When We Are Driven *~ Shirley Erena Murray ~*

Gentle God, when we are driven
past the limits of our love,
when our hurt would have a weapon
and the hawk destroy the dove,
at the cost of seeming weak,
help us turn the other cheek.

Gentle Spirit, when our reason clouds in anger,
twists in fear,
when we strike instead of stroking,
when we bruise and sting and smear,
cool our burning, take our pain,
bring us to ourselves again.

In the mirror of earth's madness
let us see our ravaged face,
in the turmoil of all people
let compassion find a place,
touch our hearts to make amends, see our enemies
as friends.

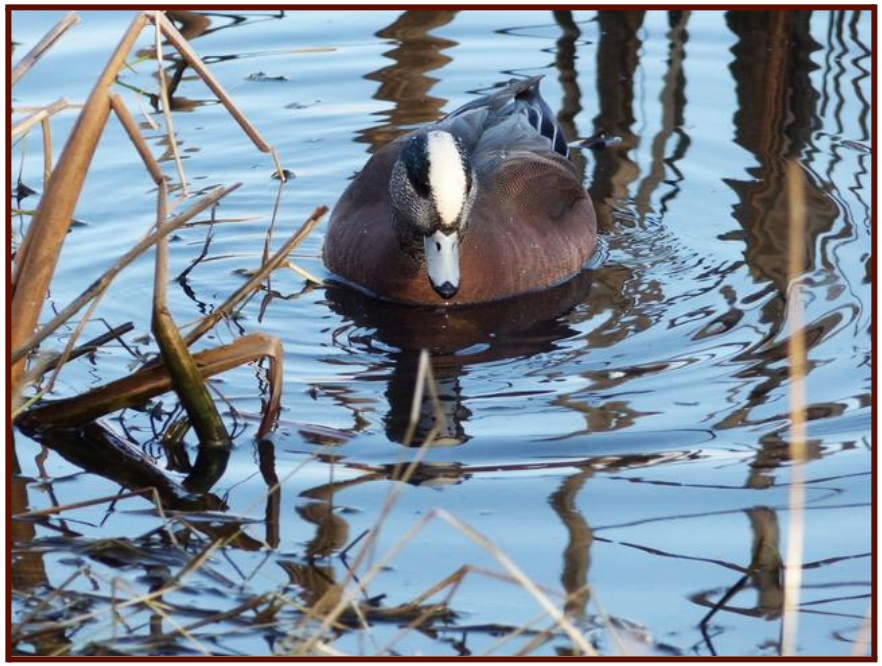
Let our strength be in forgiving
as forgiven we must be,
one to one in costly loving,
finding trust and growing free,
Gentle God, be our release,
Gentle Spirit, teach us peace.

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