

GATHERING IN THE SPIRIT

(Please note: * indicates please rise in body or in spirit
VU refers to the red hymn book; MV is the coil bound book)

Music for Meditation

Welcome and Announcements

Greeting

Invitation

Holy sacred Spirit, breathe your breath on us.

Holy sacred Spirit, breathe your life in us.

- MV 15 words and music: Monica Brown

Opening Prayer

Streams of Mercy Never Ceasing,

in you we live and move and have our being.

In you there is hope beyond our imagining,

grace sufficient for every step.

You will us well and whole

and in ways unforeseen, you turn our lives in freshness.

In offering ourselves to you this day

we would be attentive in body, mind and spirit

to the stirrings of your Spirit.

O that we may be restored to the joy of your presence!

In Christ we pray. Amen

***Hymn VU 374 Come and Find the Quiet Centre**

SHARING THE GOOD NEWS

Opening to the Word

Behold! Behold! I make all things new

beginning with you and starting from today.

Behold! Behold! I make all things new

my promise is true, for I am Christ the way.

MV 115 -words and music: John Bell

Scripture reading: 1 Kings 19: 1-13

Matthew 20: 29-34

God's Word is Life!

All: Thanks be to God

Behold! Behold I make all things new ...

Reflection

***Hymn MV 84 In You There is a Refuge**

RESPONDING WITH OUR WHOLE HEARTS

Sharing the Peace of Christ

Offering our Gifts

***Song of Dedication**

Take, O take me as I am.

Summon out what I shall be.

Set your seal upon my heart and live in me.

-MV 85 words: John Bell, Graham Maule; music: John Bell

Prayers of the People

GOING OUT TO SERVE

***Hymn VU 608 Dear God, Who Loves All Humankind**

***Commissioning and Blessing**

*** that new world beckons from afar**

invites our shared endeavour,

that all may have abundant life

in ev'ry earthly nation.

MV 143 - words: Ruth Duck; music: Marty Haugen

James Bay United Church

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

November 5, 2017



season of
creation

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“another world is not only possible,
but she is on the way.
If you listen very carefully you can hear
her breathe.”

Arundhati Roy

**Crisis, Conscience, Community:
the 500th Anniversary of the Reformation**

The John Albert Hall Lecture Series
Thursday afternoons, 5:00 - 6:20 pm, at the
University of Victoria, A120 David Turpin Building

The lectures are free and open to the public.

3. Reformation and Canada: Theme and Variations

Thursday November 9 2017
Dr. Phyllis Airhart, University of Toronto, Toronto, ON

4. Why the Reformation Still Matters

Thursday November 30 2017
Dr. Brad Gregory, University of Notre Dame, South Bend, IN

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For Love of Earth with Lisa Gordon

Date & Time: **4 Tuesdays, Nov 7 – 28, 2017, 10 am – 12 pm**
\$75 or \$20 per session

“Knowing that you love the Earth changes you, activates you to defend and protect and celebrate. But when you feel that the Earth loves you in return, that feeling transforms the relationship from a one-way street into a sacred bond.” ~ Robin Wall Kimmerer from *Braiding Sweetgrass*.

This four-part series will explore the role your inner life plays in how you love, defend, protect and celebrate the Earth. Lisa Gordon will weave practices from Parker Palmer and other visionaries to help you remember your inner wisdom about the Earth. Attending the Nov 7th session is mandatory to lay the foundation of trust needed for subsequent sessions, Casual drop-ins are discouraged.

Location: Friends Meeting House, 1831 Fern St, Victoria
Register: Programs@earthliteracies.org
250-220-4601 www.earthliteracies.org

Scripture Reader: Jeremy Williams

Ushers & Greeters: Sylvia Scott, Beverley McLean and Susan Ross

Cup & Conversation: Claire Cameron and Joanne Ryan

Please remember in prayer: Dallas, Judith, Kathleen and Larry Gilbert, Phyllis Pollard, Lorraine, Josh, Alan, Pat, Leyla, Joan, Ron, Bill Clark, Alissa, Drew, Laurie, Jeanne Miller, Pam Brown, and Kara Taylor.

CHURCH OFFICE HOURS THIS WEEK

Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday 9 am – 12 noon

For Pastoral care emergencies please contact:
Rev. Karen Dickey at 250-592-5931.

THIS WEEK AT JAMES BAY UNITED CHURCH

Tuesday, November 7 – OUTREACH

9am – 11:30 Front Office Reception

Wednesday, November 8 – 5:30 – 8:30

Soulful Wednesday Series JBUC Church

Friday, November 10

JBUC Thrift Shop OPEN 10am – 2pm

Your donations are gratefully received
Wednesday, Thursday
and Friday 9:00 - 11:30am.



ANNOUNCEMENTS

Our minister, Karen Dickey, is available for conversation! Maybe you wish to know more about James Bay United, or maybe you've been walking around with a question or an idea and it's time to engage it a little more, or perhaps you'd value getting to know Karen and her to know you, *whatever!* ... just know Karen would WELCOME the connection. To set up a time and place, speak to her in person or jot a note kdickey@shaw.ca or phone [250 384 5821](tel:2503845821).

Finding a home for your heart here at James Bay United Church? Some people choose to take the step of becoming a member as a way of outwardly saying YES! to what they are already experiencing inside – a spiritual awakening or re-awakening; a desire to grow in faith, in hope and in love; an eagerness to be part of helping this congregation be home for the hearts of others. If this speaks to you, please speak to Karen to talk more about the why and what and how of membership.

Soulful Wednesdays ~ share in any or all of the flow of the evening:
simple supper at 5:30
brief worship at 6:30
Book group or What's with the Bible? at 7pm

[note: it is still possible to join the "What with the Bible?" series. The Bible is a complex and mysterious book. Whether you are skeptical about its relevance for modern life or know it to be a source of hope and healing, this series will help us find our way into the ancient words. Led by Bev Tracey]

Advent Retreat: How can we draw close to God if we are far from our own self? Come away to a beautiful quiet place for a guided retreat led by Cheryl Macpherson and Karen Dickey, Sunday December 3, 3pm – Monday December 4 7pm. You may wish to stay a second night and depart after breakfast. Cost: \$95 3 meals, and overnight. (additional cost for second night and breakfast). Some financial assistance available. **Please contact Karen to indicate your interest by Nov 5.**

You're Invited!

Victoria Presbytery is planning a party and you are invited!

The United Church is changing its structure and within a year our congregations will belong to a much larger region. This year is our final year as a presbytery, and we think it is important for us to make connections, to establish relationships between individuals and congregations, and to make plans for how we will continue to know and care and support one another locally as the United Church on southern Vancouver Island.

This party is a kick off to this process. If you are a presbytery rep, a minister, a leader in your congregation, or if you are a person that is involved and invested in the life and work of your congregation you are invited! We're preparing for over 100 of you to attend. If you receive this letter please invite everyone in your congregation to attend! **We need your help to spread the word.**

Our time together will provide lots of time to socialize and share hopes and dreams, a half hour of presentations and a vote to affirm the 2017 presbytery executive.

The date: Tuesday, November 28 gathering at 6pm
The venue: Oak Bay United Church, 1355 Mitchell Street
The food: appetizers and a variety of hot and cold drinks will be provided; there will be a cash bar for those who would like to have a glass of wine.

I look forward to being together as we celebrate and anticipate what it is to be the United Church in our time and place.

Every blessing, Beverley Tracey, Chair of Victoria Presbytery

RSVP - As soon as possible, and no later than November 21 to bevtracey@shaw.ca or [250 592 5931](tel:2505925931)
This is a party hosted by Victoria presbytery so there is no cover charge!



Now is the moment to learn hope.

The *Season of Creation* has become part of our worship life in the Autumn ... carving out a space in the year when we deliberately give our attention to the wonder and the gift of God's creation.

Prompted by our growing awareness that we with the planet are in crisis, this season invites us to see more honestly and to respond more boldly through the resources of our faith. This year we're approaching the season through the theme of "Now is the moment to learn hope," inspired by an address by John Holloway. <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=VxKXd5BjchI>

Along with our experience together on Sunday mornings, the Worship Team is offering a weekly guide to the **practice of contentment**, as an opening to learning hope ... to being hope.

May the abundant blessings of the Spirit be ours this season,

Worship Team ~ Daniel Brandes, Gary Brandstadt,
Karen Dickey, Cheryl Macpherson, Beverley McLean,
Sue Ross, Sylvia Scott

**Practicing contentment is a radical act
in a consumption-driven society.” ***

This week's practice:

Practice of Beholding. Beholding a person or place is a conscious and receptive act of releasing our inner judgments and projections as much as possible. From this place of openness, we are free to experience the grace and movement of God.

Choose a familiar place such as a favourite coffee shop or park from your everyday life. Take a few deep breaths. Then intentionally shift your focus from ordinary seeing and noticing, to an experience of beholding which infuses the moment with a sense of reverence. See if you can notice a physical, emotional, and spiritual shift in opening yourself to simply being with whatever and whomever arrives in your line of vision. Offer them abundant compassion and love. Notice what stirs in your own heart.

Now try beholding with an aspect of creation you often take for granted.



*Robin Wall Kimmerer, in *Returning the Gift*