Community Joys , Concerns, Prayer

A paraphrase of the Lord's Prayer by Jim Cotter

Eternal Spirit,
Earth-maker, Pain-bearer, Life-giver,
Source of all that is and that shall be,
Father and Mother of us all,
Loving God, in whom is heaven:

The hallowing of your name
echo through the universe!
The way of your justice
be followed by peoples of the world!
Your heavenly will be done by all created beings!
Your commonwealth of peace and freedom
Sustain our hope and come on earth.

With the bread we need for today, feed us.

In the hurts we absorb from one another,
forgive us.
From trials too great to endure, spare us.
From the grip of all that is evil, free us.

For you reign in the glory of the power that is love,
Now and forever. Amen.

Share the Land

Burton Cummings 1970
congregation joins on the chorus

Some final Announcements:

Daniel Brandes,
Music Director, James Bay United

and a blessing to take you into the night:

Rev. Sharon Moon

Thanks

Brooklyn Tabernacle Choir

James Bay United Church
songs of patience, protest and praise

Thank you for coming tonight!
your presence makes a difference.

(with very special thanks to the musicians:
André Clouthier - Guitar, Don Cox - Bass
and Damian Graham - Drums)

Next Sunday,
we return to our regular time of 10:15 am

The staff and congregation of James Bay United wishes to thank everyone in the neighbourhood for sharing in these special evenings in July.

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Your instructions for tonight:
We have printed some words in this program to encourage everyone to sing. Communal breathing and singing bonds a people like no other activity. It is one of the most ancient spiritual practices. So sing; sing from your heart and your soul; your voice is welcome and celebrated in our time together.

People Get Ready
Traditional

Welcome:
Daniel Brandes,
Music Director, James Bay United

Creating Sacred Space:
Rev. Sharon Moon: Visiting Pastor

Lighting the Candle:

Walk in the Light
Mrs. James Vincent Coombs, 1898

walk in the light, the beautiful light
come where the dewdrops of mercy shine bright
shine all around us by day and by night
Love is the light of the world

Greeting Your Neighbour:

O Siem, we are all family
O Siem, we're all the same
O Siem, the fires of freedom
Dance in the burning flame

If Anyone Asks You
Traditional American Spiritual

if anybody asks you who I am,
who I am, who I am,
if anybody asks you who I am,
tell them I'm a child of God.

if anybody asks you where I live,
where I live, where I live,
if anybody asks you where I live,
tell them in the love of God.

Everyday People
Sly and the Family Stone - 1969

An Invitation to Abundant Life. Isaiah 55

read by Margaret Harper:

Ho, everyone who thirsts, come to the waters;
and you that have no money, come, buy and eat!
Come, buy wine and milk without money and without price.
Why do you spend your money for that which is not bread,
and your labor for that which does not satisfy?...
For as the rain and the snow come down from heaven,
and do not return there until they have watered the earth,
making it bring forth and sprout, giving seed to the sower and bread
to the eater, so shall my word be that goes out from my mouth;
it shall not return to me empty, but it shall accomplish that which I
purpose, and succeed in the thing for which I sent it.
For you shall go out in joy, and be led back in peace;
the mountains and the hills before you shall burst into song,
and all the trees of the field shall clap their hands.

Reflection: Rev. Sharon Moon

By the Waters of Babylon
attributed to English organist Philip Hayes (1738–1797)

Personal story: Kary Michaels

God Bless the Child
Billie Holiday and Arthur Herzog Jr. in 1939

Not in My Backyard: Gordon Miller 2008

Personal story: Howard Clark

Have You Been to Jail for Justice Anne Feeney, 2001

Have you been to jail for justice?
I want to shake your hand
'Cause sitting in and laying down
Are ways to take a stand

Have you sung a song for freedom
Or marched that picket line?
Have you been to jail for justice?
Then you're a friend of mine