

## **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

with procedures for the meeting and opening motions

Greeting

**We covenant together to ...**

**Show up. Listen with respect. Speak up. Build up.**

**Be aware of each other and ourselves.**

**Care about the life of the congregation, the community  
and the world. Consider prayerfully.**

Invocation

**Only you O God, and you alone,  
the broken heart console.**

**Only you O God, and you alone,  
the wounded world make whole**

- words: Susan Briehl; music: African American Spiritual

**Opening Prayer**

**\*Hymn Come And Journey With Me** [back of bulletin]

## **SHARING THE GOOD NEWS**

**We look back ...** bearing witness to the Spirit's way with us  
in 2017

Opening to the Word:

**Listen to the word which God has spoken,  
listen to the One who is close at hand,  
listen to the voice which began creation,  
listen even if you don't understand.**

-words and music: Iona Community

Scripture reading: 1 Peter 3: 8-10, 13-16.

God's Word is Life

**All: Thanks be to God**

Reflection

Sylvia Scott, Louise n'ha Ruby, Marg Lunam, Elizabeth Smyth.

**\*Hymn MV 174 Soil of God, You and I**

Motions to adopt the minutes of congregational meetings  
Jan 8, Feb 26, March 5, July 23; and the annual reports

## **RESPONDING WITH OUR WHOLE HEARTS**

**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.**

-words and music: John Bell

**We look forward ...** key priority for 2018

Communication and Neighbourhood Engagement initiative

2018 Budget: "where your treasure lies, there is your heart"

**Behold, behold, I make all things new ...**

**Offering our Gifts**

Giving Thanks

Nominations

Offering

**\*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.**

-MV85 words: John Bell, Graham Maule; music: John Bell

**Prayers of the People**

## **GOING OUT TO SERVE**

**\*Hymn MV 1 Let Us Build a House**

Closing the meeting

**\*Commissioning and Blessing**

**\*Sung Blessing**

**In love you summon, in love I follow,  
Living today for your tomorrow.  
Christ to release me, Christ to enfold me  
Christ to restrain me, Christ to uphold me.**

-words and music: John Bell

**Passing the Peace**

**Come and Journey With Me**

**Come to the song, come to the dance.  
Bring all you are, bring all you be.  
Come with your voice, come with your heart.  
Come and journey with me.  
Come and journey with me.**

**Come let the sun fill up your eyes.  
Take the time to look around,  
and love, just love, and walk with each other.  
Come and journey with me.  
Come and journey with me.**

**Come and see, come and be.  
Be all you are and all you can be,  
and leave all behind and calm your mind.  
Come and journey with me.  
Come and journey with me.**

- words and music: David Haas

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# James Bay United Church

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

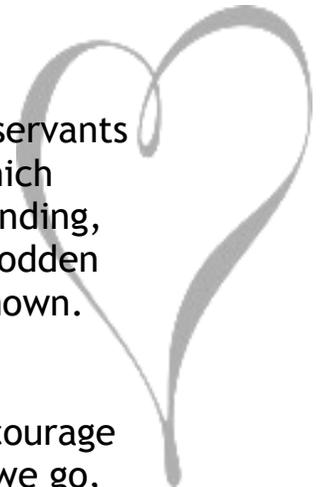
**February 25, 2018  
Lent 2**

O God  
you have called your servants  
to ventures of which  
we cannot see the ending,  
by paths as yet untrodden  
through perils unknown.

Give us faith  
to go out with good courage  
not knowing where we go,  
but only that your hand  
is leading us  
and your love supporting us;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen

- Eric Milner-White



## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

*Flowers in the Sanctuary are gratefully declined during the season of Lent. And then we invite a big splash for our celebration of Easter.*

**TUNING INTO YOURSELF** A three hour vocal workshop designed to facilitate and create space for each individual to re-discover their voice and their comfort within a circle of singers. We'll start with warm-ups, some basic vocal technique, and sing, sing, sing. Sunday, March 25th 1:30 - 4 pm in the downstairs hall. Sliding scale \$20-40. Contact Louise n'ha Ruby [250-732-5356](tel:250-732-5356)

### **Please add your name to the on-line Church Directory.**

This directory is safe and private (not available to the wider web) and helps us keep the church community connected with contact information that is always current. Each individual/family creates and manages their own contact information, profile photo and preferences. You can login to access the directory from your computer or mobile device. It's easy, just click on **join** at the very top of the website. Problems with posting your photo? Email the photo to [adamsna@shaw.ca](mailto:adamsna@shaw.ca) and Nola Adams will add the photo to your profile. We're looking forward to seeing you!

**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](mailto:kdickey@shaw.ca) or phone [250 384 5821](tel:250-384-5821).

**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.

**Scripture Reader:** Cheryl Caldwell

**Ushers & Greeters:** Pam Warwick, Marg & Doug Lunam

**Cup & Conversation:** Beverley McLean, Susan Ross, Gary Brandstadt, Chris Bodnarchuk, and Janet Russell

**Please remember in prayer:** Joyce, Laurie, Julia, Lee Dennis, Asher and his parents Adam and Anna, Dallas, Judith, Kathleen and Larry Gilbert, Lorraine, Alan, Pat, Leyla, Jeanne Miller, Pam Brown, and Kara Taylor.

### **CHURCH OFFICE HOURS THIS WEEK**

**Open 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**

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**Tuesday, February 27 – OUTREACH** 9am – 11:30

Location: Front Office Reception

**Weird Church Book Study begins THIS WEEK**

**Tuesday morning, February 27, 10-11:30 or**

**Wednesday evening, February 28, 7-8:30pm.**

In preparation for this week's conversation, please pick up printed copies of the opening section, or read it on-line [http://uccfiles.com/pdf/Weird\\_Church\\_Preview\\_1\\_5.pdf](http://uccfiles.com/pdf/Weird_Church_Preview_1_5.pdf).

You can also access it by way of our website <https://www.jamesbayunited.com/news/weird-church-book-study-conversation>

**Wednesday, February 28**

James Bay Children's Chorus 4pm

**Friday, March 2**

James Bay United Church Thrift Shop

Open 10am – 2pm

