

SHARING THE GOOD NEWS

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

Invitation

**Holy light, still burning bright,
presence of God that frees us.
Lift the shadows from our soul,
shine through our life, dear Jesus,
shine through our life, dear Jesus.**

- words and music: Jim Strathdee

Opening Prayer

**Radiant One, Light within all life,
for the morning light and its irresistible dawning
we thank you.
For the mystery of your presence in and beyond
all that can be seen, we thank you.
For the endless outpouring of yourself
that we may know your heart's desire
and be guided into ways of peace and joy,
we thank you.
May the light of your love rise within us
and shine upon us this day that we may be strengthened
in body mind and spirit to live with new born hope.
We pray in the name of the Jesus,
who draws us even now into your new day. Amen**

***Hymn MV 144 Like a Healing Stream**

Opening to the Word

**Send out your light, Lord, send your truth,
to be my guide.**

Then let them lead me to the place where you reside.

- words and music: Iona Community (based on Psalm 43)

Scripture reading: Mark 1: 1-11

God's Word is Life!

All: Thanks be to God

Send out your light ...

Reflection

RESPONDING WITH OUR WHOLE HEARTS

***Hymn MV 166 I Have Called You By Your Name**

Sharing the Peace of Christ

Offering our Gifts

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 MV 138 My Love Colours Outside the Lines**

***Commissioning and Blessing**

*** Arise, be clothed in the light.**

Arise, be clothed in the light.

Your light has come. Your light has come.

Hallelujah!

VU 886 - Lawrence M Probes (based on Isaiah 60)

James Bay United Church

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

January 14, 2018

In these days,
may you know when to push,
and when to give in,
and may the grace
and the power of God
drench you
and bear you
along.

- Jan Richardson

Minister: Karen Dickey

Music: Daniel Brandes

Communication & Neighbourhood Engagement: Gordon Miller

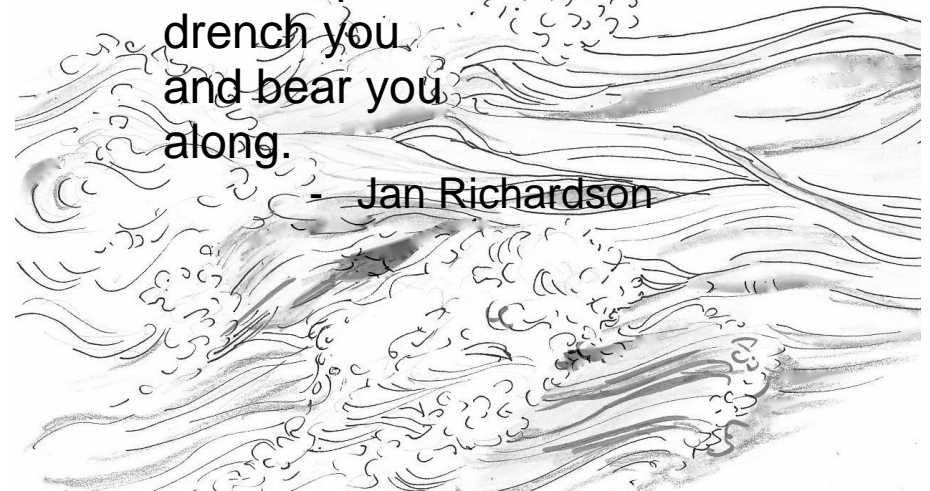
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ANNOUNCEMENTS



We invite you to come and walk with us in solidarity on February 24th!

The Mustard Seed Street Church is participating in Canada's National Walk-a-thon, the 2018 Coldest Night of the Year to raise \$30,000 to continue serving the hurting, hungry and homeless throughout greater Victoria!

The WALK will be held on **Saturday, February 24, 2018** and provides great opportunity for your congregation or small groups to:

- Walk 2km, 5km or 10km
- Fundraise for The Mustard Seed
- Raise awareness for what it's like for those battling the cold this Winter season!

Registration is simple; join the Mustard Seed team or start a team of your own! This is a great family-friendly event—with a LIVE blues band, hot beverages and community meal served to participants following the walk! Join us at **625 Queens Avenue** and help raise funds! We believe that ***no one has to choose between heating and eating this Winter season.***

James Bay United Church Thrift Shop

CLOSED December 22 – February 1

The James Bay United Church Thrift Shop will re-open Friday, February 2, 2018. *Donations gratefully accepted again Wednesday, January 31 and Thursday, February 1.*



Scripture Reader: Judy Krzesowski

Ushers & Greeters: Sylvia Scott, Marg Lunam & Doug Lunam

Cup & Conversation: Aleksa Harkness & Judy Krzesowski

Please remember in prayer: Lee Dennis, Asher and his parents Adam and Anna, Dallas, Judith, Kathleen and Larry Gilbert, Lorraine, Josh, 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

Tuesday, January 16 – OUTREACH 9am – 11:30

Location: Front Office Reception

Wednesday, January 17 – JBUC Board Meeting

10am Front Office Reception

ANNOUNCEMENTS

New in the JBUC library this week:

If you happened to be listening to CBC's The Current on September 27 of last year, you would have heard an interview with Barbara Kingsolver, the author of FLIGHT BEHAVIOR*. This book is about climate change without being entirely about climate change. Somehow Kingsolver, a biologist herself, has woven the frightening and undeniable crisis of global warming into a beautiful coming-of-age story about a woman whose adolescence was cut short by pregnancy and early marriage but is about to begin finding her true self. The story opens as the book's main character stumbles on a hillside covered with swathes of orange monarch butterflies that appear like fire on the landscape...

*<http://www.cbc.ca/listen/shows/the-current/segment/14187203>