

LENT TWO - FEBRUARY 25, 2024

GATHERING IN THE SPIRIT

Music and conversation

Gathering Song MV 7

♪♪ Gather us in, ground us in you. x2
Gather us in, gather us in,
ground us, ground us in you.

Welcome

Territorial Acknowledgement

We acknowledge that we are occupying unceded land of the Strait Salish, ləkʷəŋən speaking people who have been sustained in body, mind and spirit through their relationship with this land for thousands of years.

I am grateful to be part of a congregation that is hearing the call to continue learning of our colonial history and the on-going impacts of our privilege, and taking up the challenging and healing work toward reconciliation.

Call to Worship

Acknowledging the Light: Mahima Sylvester

Hymn: VU 121 Tree of Life & Awesome Mystery vs.1 & 5

♪♪ Light of life beyond conceiving, mighty Spirit of our Lord;
give new strength to our believing,
give us faith to live your word, give us faith to live your word.

Christ, you lead, and we shall follow,
stumbling though our steps may be,
one with you in joy and sorrow,
we the river you the sea, we the river, you the sea.

Prayer of Transformation

♪♪ Return to God with all your heart,
the source of grace and mercy;
come seek the tender faithfulness of God

Extinguishing the Candles: Heinz & Marilyn Unger
(Thursday Community Lunch)

Second Sunday in Lent

In the wilderness, waters run deep.

In a time of rapid change in religious life when Churches struggle and Leadership lives with exhaustion, the shadows of despair and impossibility can meet us daily. As a Church we lean into our new vision, with great hope.

We give voice to this Vision:

Called by God, as disciples of Jesus, the United Church of Canada seeks to be a bold, connected, evolving church of diverse, courageous, hope-filled communities united in deep spirituality, inspiring worship, courageous community, and daring justice.

Deep Spirituality speaks of our yearning to linger with the Holy Presence. It reflects the core of our purpose. We must be prayerful and active.

As we extinguish this candle, we acknowledge the shadows that draw us into profound lament and longing even as we journey forward in hope.

♪♪ Where streams run dry, x3
in the wilderness, roots run deep.

Sharing the Peace of Christ

SHARING THE GOOD NEWS

Opening to the Word

♪♪ Listen in the silence,
Listen in the noise,
Listen for the sound of the Spirit's voice

Scripture reading: Mark 8:31-38 Karen Halliday

Reflection: Colleen Nichol

"Wilderness ... infused with Holy Insight"

RESPONDING WITH OUR WHOLE HEARTS

Hymn: MV 65 When We Are Tested

Prayers of the People: Kam McKim

Heal Us, God

♪♪ Heal us God, and renew our lives. R

Offering our Gifts and Ourselves

Response: VU 537 ♪ ♪ Your work, O God, needs many hands to help you everywhere, and some there are who cannot serve unless our gifts we share.

Because we love you and your work, our offering now we make: be pleased to use it as your own, we ask for Jesus' sake.

Work of the People

GOING OUT TO SERVE

Hymn: MV 94 Love Knocks and Waits

Commissioning and Blessing

Response: VU 402 We Are One vs.4

♪ ♪ We are one as we come, as we hear, heart and hand unite;
in the word we receive, there's a sense that God is light.
We are one as we leave, as we love, we are loved;
and we seek justice in God's ways
as we move together from this place.

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James Bay United Church

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

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Second Sunday in Lent



This Week at James Bay United Church

February 26 – March 2, 2024

Monday, Feb 26 - Community Guitar Class aka Guitar Jam with Aaron Watson www.jamesbayunited.com Classes approx.. \$12/ class payable either by drop-in or term registration.

Mondays – Moving with Grace This 8 week program is full. Waitlist being taken for March. For more info and to add your name to the waitlist email: movingwithgrace.vic@gmail.com

Tuesday, Feb. 27 Tuesday Night Jazz. 7pm Sanctuary *Everyone Welcome! Admission by donation (\$20 suggested)*

Wednesday, Feb 28 9-10:30 in the lower hall
Tai Chi and Chi Kung with Curtis Nadj - \$45/month

Every Wednesday, 7pm - 8:30pm Community Choir
Each week, join Christine Chepyha as we create a new choral community in our neighbourhood.
New members always welcome.

Thursday, Feb 29 JBUC Thursday Morning Prayer
It's about beginning the day, along with others, in a way that centers and grounds us in Love's presence. We'll begin at 8 am, concluding around 8:20. **Online & zoom**

Thursday, Feb 29 Centering Prayer 1-2pm
We will be taking a five week hiatus for afternoon prayer leadership. See you back on online and zoom soon.

Thursday, Feb 29 Community Lunch lower hall 1 – 2:30pm . Come in and enjoy a free hosted lunch with the warmth of the James Bay community.

Friday, Mar 1 Tai Chi Class with Curtis Nadj - \$30/ month on Friday mornings in the Lower Hall.
Chen Style from 9-10 am and Yang from 10-11

Friday, Mar 1 and Saturday Mar 2
JBUC Thrift Shop Open 10am – 1pm *Masks optional*
Donations Received: Wed. thru Sat. 10am - 12noon.



Saturday Mar 2 Potluck Dinner & Movie Night

Doors to the lower hall will open at 6:00pm
POTLUCK dinner at 6:30pm. Movie will start at 7:20pm
The Movie: Where The Universe Sings: The Spiritual Journey of Lawren Harris. This insightful documentary shines a light on one of Canada's most celebrated painters: Lawren Harris. Co-founder and leader of the revered Group of Seven.



Congregational Lunch Gathering

It's been a while since we've gathered as a community, so Board members are **hosting "Lunch and Conversation" immediately following the service on Sunday, March 10, 11:30am to 1:30pm.** We'll introduce

ourselves; update you on where we're at in this time of transition as we continue our search for our new minister; and provide the opportunity for you to seek clarification and share any queries or concerns you may have. This is an opportunity for us to explore together whether there are some needs and brainstorm creative ideas that will enable our faith community to continue to thrive. This will be a time to enjoy being together as we support one another and nurture our relationships.

Blessings from your Church Board (Charlotte Caron, Deborah Davis [Chair], André Fontaine, Colleen Nichol, Franklyn Roy, Hilde Seal, Martin Stewart, Kim Tadei)

THANK YOU !!!

A huge thank you to all of the volunteers, who hosted an incredible Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper Event for the neighbourhood. We have received SO MUCH positive responses from the night. We hope you had a great time. Huge thanks also to Kelby and the musicians!



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