

LENT THREE – MARCH 3, 2024

GATHERING IN THE SPIRIT

Music and conversation

Gathering Song: Gather Us In 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

Hymn: VU 121 Tree of Life & Awesome Mystery vs.2 & 3

♪♪ Seed that dies to rise in glory,
may we see ourselves in you,
if we learn to live your story we may die to rise a new,
we may die to rise anew.

We remember truth once spoken,
love passed on through act and word,
every person lost and broken wears the body of our Lord,
wears the body of our Lord.

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

In the wilderness, roots run deep.

As a Church we are willing to confess that we have been silent about injustice. There are places of great inequalities between peoples. We continue to be called to witness in love and justice and to work towards unity.

With hope, we give voice to our new 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.

The Mission of 'Bold Discipleship' challenges us to strive towards repentance, repair, and right relations with all people and the planet. Following Jesus, we listen to his 'heart challenges' and we believe Jesus when he says 'love matters'.

As we extinguish this candle, we lean into our brokenness, being willing to learn from the shadows and continuing to affirm the ever-transforming love of God.

♪♪ 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: John 2:13-22

Reflection: 'Angry Jesus'

RESPONDING WITH OUR WHOLE HEARTS

Hymn: VU 117 Jesus Christ is Waiting

Prayers of the People

Heal Us, God

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

**Our Father / Mother, who art in heaven,
hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come,
thy will be done on earth as in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread,
And forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive those who trespass against us.
And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil:
For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory,
for ever and ever.**

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

Offering our Gifts and Ourselves

Response: MV 151 ♪♪ Your will be done, be done on earth. x3
Your will be done on earth. x2

WE GATHER AROUND THE TABLE

The Spirit of the living God surrounds you.

The Spirit will surprise and transform.

Lift up your hearts. **We lift them up to God.**

Give thanks to God. **It is right to give God thanks and praise.**

As people of the way, we live out the mystery of our faith:

Christ has died and Christ is risen, Christ will come again!

Prayer of Great Thanksgiving

We Gather Around the Table

MV 202 Bread for the Journey

♪♪ Bread for the journey, food for the way.

Cup of God's blessing, tomorrow, today.

Prayer After Communion

Sending Out Hymn: VU 481 Sent Forth by God's Blessing

WE GO OUT TO SERVE

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James Bay United Church

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

MARCH 3, 2024

Third Sunday in Lent



This Week at James Bay United Church

March 4, - March 10, 2024

Monday, March 4 - 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, March 5 Tuesday Night Jazz. 7pm Sanctuary **Everyone Welcome! Admission by donation (\$20 suggested)**

Wednesday, March 6 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, March 7 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**

Thursdays 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, March 7 Community Lunch lower hall 1 – 2:30pm . Come in and enjoy a free hosted lunch with the warmth of the James Bay community.

Friday, March 8 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, March 8 and Saturday March 9
JBUC Thrift Shop Open 10am – 1pm *Masks optional*
Donations Received: Wed. thru Sat. 10am - 12noon.



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, and Kim Tadei

Carol Yanisch is part of a settlement team that is sponsoring three members of a Syrian family to bring them to Victoria to join their daughter, Samah, and other family members. The team has been raising funds and just have \$10,000 left to raise. If you would like to help support the efforts, you can send a donation to Harbour of Hope Refugee Assistance Society.

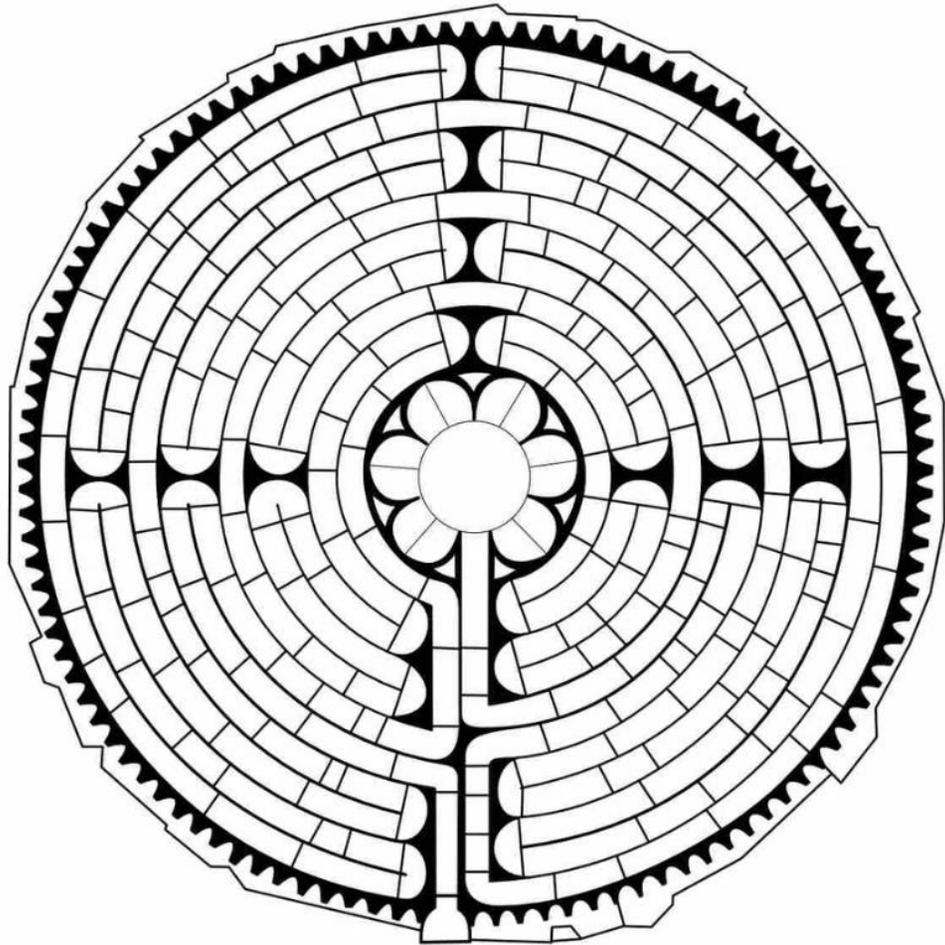


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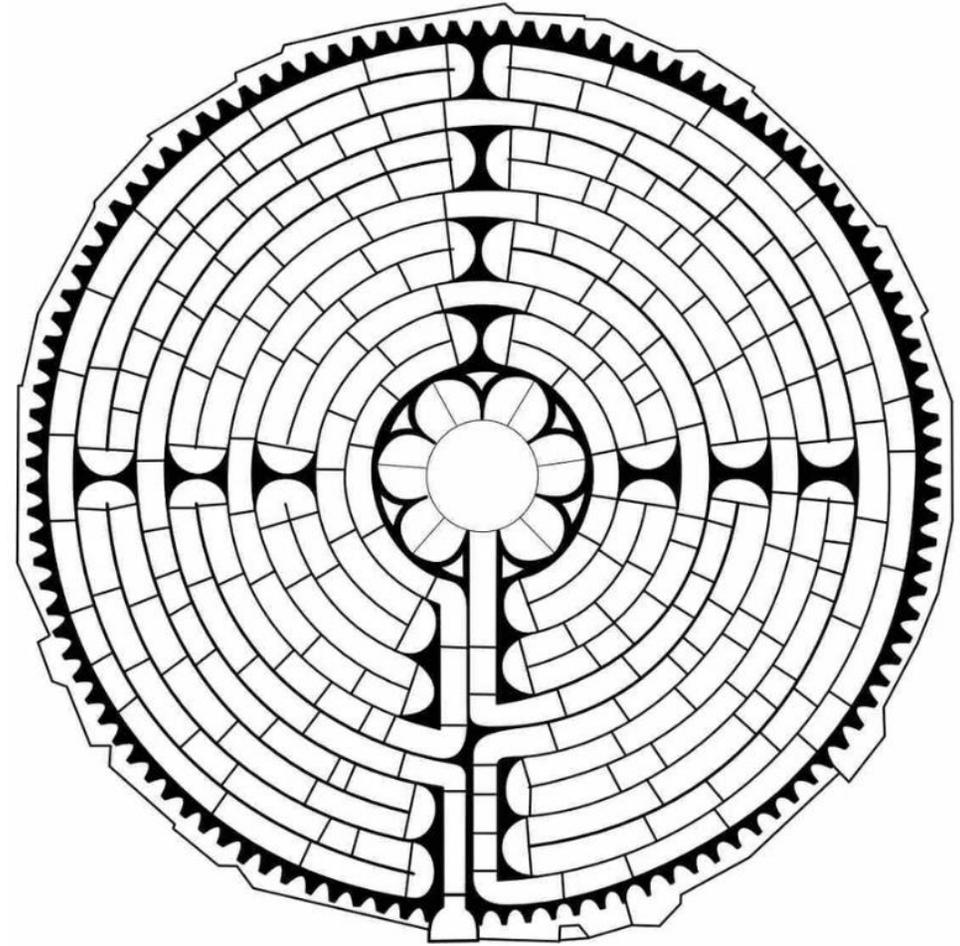
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Third Sunday in Lent



This week's meditative practice takes the form of a labyrinth.
As you trace your inward journey toward the centre of the labyrinth, quiet your mind and be aware of Love's Presence walking alongside you.
At the centre, take time to stop and pray. As you move back out toward the entrance, reflect on your experience and prepare to go back into your day with a greater awareness of God's presence with you.

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