

## GATHERING IN THE SPIRIT

Music for Meditation

Gathering song

♪♪ Christ circle round us

Christ, may your light surround us

Shine in our living

Fill our hearts with great Thanksgiving

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.**

Lighting the Christ Candle - Richard Wey

Opening Prayer

**O Eastering One,**

**As we continue to move through these early days in the wake of the miracle of Easter morning ...**

**As we begin to catch glimpses of you, O Risen Christ, arising anew in our hearts and minds, weaving your way in the warp and weft of our lives...**

**May we have the courage to welcome you into any hidden spaces that are frightened and flawed.**

**May we find ourselves opening to your power for life,**

**to your wellspring of Love that will not let us go.**

**We pray in the name of Jesus, crucified yet risen. Amen**

Hymn: MV 98 Like a River of Tears

Sharing the Peace of Christ

## SHARING THE GOOD NEWS

Alleluia by Jennifer Turner

Part 1  
al - le - lu - ia al - le - lu - ia al - le - lu - ia al - le - lu - ia

Scripture: John 20: 19-31, Reader: Chris Bodnarchuk

Part 2  
al - le - lu - ia al - le - lu - ia a - l - lu - ia al - le - lu - ia

Reflection:

*Holy Wounds, Wounded Wholeness - Colleen Nichol*

## RESPONDING WITH OUR WHOLE HEARTS

Hymn: MV 171 Christ Has No Body Now But Yours

Prayers of the People

Lord's Prayer

**Our Father/ Mother in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done on earth as in heaven.**

**Give us today our daily bread.**

**Forgive us our trespasses**

**as we forgive those who trespass against us.**

**Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil, for the kingdom, the power and the glory are yours, now and forever. Amen**

Offering Ourselves with our Gifts

Response: MV 151

**Your will be done, be done on earth x 3**

**Your will be done on earth,**

**Your will be done on earth.**

## GOING OUT TO SERVE

Hymn: MV 161 I Have Called You By Your Name

Commissioning and Blessing

Response: MV 115 -words & music John L. Bell 1995

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

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World Library Publications Music: Rick Gunn, © 2006

MV 151 Words and music: traditional song, South African, as taught by George A Mxadana;

English trans. George A. Mxadana. English translation © 1996

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# James Bay United Church

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

**APRIL 7, 2024**



## *This Week at James Bay United Church*

April 8, - April 15, 2024

**Monday, April 8 - Community Guitar Class aka Guitar Jam with Aaron Watson** [www.jamesbayunited.com](http://www.jamesbayunited.com) Classes approx.. \$12/ class payable either by drop-in or term registration.

**Tuesday, April 9** Tuesday Night Jazz. 7pm Sanctuary  
**Everyone Welcome! Admission by donation (\$20 suggested)**

**Wednesday, April 10** 9-10:30 in the lower hall  
**Tai Chi and Chi Kung with Curtis Nadj - \$45/month**  
**Weekly drop-in Meditation**

**Wednesday's, 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, April 10 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, April 10 Centering Prayer 1-2pm**  
All are welcome, especially those with a centering prayer practice. **Online & zoom** [www.jamesbayunitedchurch](http://www.jamesbayunitedchurch)

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

**Friday, April 11** 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, April 11 & Saturday April 12:**  
**JBUC Thrift Shop** Open 10am – 1pm  
**Donations Received:**  
*Wed., Thurs., and Sat. 10am - 12noon.*



Reflections are part of worship at JBUC. What is in your heart and on your mind that you would like to share? The

Worship Team will be giving leadership in worship regularly for the next while and this is an opportunity for you to learn some skills so that you could share through offering the reflection. The workshops will take place after church on **Sundays, April 7 - (TODAY!) and April 21** with the first week focusing on the craft of sermon preparation and the second on putting those skills into practice. Charlotte Caron who taught preaching for many years will offer the workshops. Let her know if you are planning to come or if you have questions at [charlottedaystar@gmail.com](mailto:charlottedaystar@gmail.com)



We appreciate the congregations prayers as we prepare for JBUC Healing Pathway Ministry to host next weekend

**April 12-14, 2024**

**Phase 2 - Where Two or More Gather**  
Workshop Led by Howard Clark and Sharon Moon, Instructors coming from Ottawa, and Jannice Foreman from Victoria.

Gratitude for all the many hands baking, helping with all the preparations including set up, billeting 🦋 and participating in the Sunday Worship service on April 14, 2024.

We will be celebrating being 1 years old 🎂 as a Healing Pathway Ministry at JBUC and look forward to seeing you at this light giving worship service.

**New in the library this week from Aleksa** The Late Jonathan Sacks, an Orthodox rabbi, says in his book Not in God's name: Confronting Religious Violence: "If only we were to listen closely to the voice of the other, we would find that beneath the skin we are *siblings*\*; members of the human family under the parenthood of God. When others become *family*\* and conflict is transformed into conciliation, we have begun the journey to society – as-a-family -- and the redemptive drama can begin."

This is an especially important book in these times, and therefore needs to be read critically.

\*language changed to become more inclusive