

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 - D'Arcy McPherson

Opening Prayer

**O God, we thank you for this earth, our home;
for the wide sky and the blessed sun,
for the salt sea and the running water,
for the everlasting hills and the never-resting winds,
for trees and the common grass underfoot.**

**We thank you for our senses
by which we hear the songs of birds,
and see the splendour of the summer fields,
and taste of the autumn fruits,
and rejoice in the feel of the snow,
and smell the breath of the spring.**

**Grant us a heart wide open to all this beauty;
and save our souls from being so blind
that we pass unseeing when even the
common thorn bush is aflame with your glory,
O God our creator, who lives and reigns forever and ever.**

- Walter Rauschenbusch

Hymn: MV 30 It's a Song of Praise to the Maker

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

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

Scripture: Ephesians 1 paraphrase by Steve Garnaas-Holmes
Reader Judy Krzesowski

♪♪ Alleluia

Reflection: from "Rooted - Life at the Crossroads of Science, Nature & Spirit" by Lyanda Lynn Haupt read by Carol Yanisch

RESPONDING WITH OUR WHOLE HEARTS

Hymn: MV 143 We Cannot Own the Sunlit Sky

Prayers of the People - Deborah Davis

Lord's Prayer "A Version of the Lord's Prayer" from **Prayer at Night**
Eternal Spirit Earth-maker, Pain-bearer, Life-giver

Source of all that is and that shall be,

Father and Mother of us all,

Loving God, in whom is heaven:

The hallowing of your name echo through the universe!

The way of your justice be followed

by the peoples of the world!

Your heavenly will be done by all created beings!

Your commonwealth of peace and freedom

sustain our hope and come on earth.

With the bread we need for today, feed us.

In the hurts we absorb from one another, forgive us.

In times of temptation and test, strengthen us.

From trials too great to endure, spare us.

From the grip of all that is evil, free us.

For you reign in the glory of the power that is love,

now and forever. Amen

"A Version of the Lord's Prayer" from **Prayer at Night**

Offering Ourselves with our Gifts
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 VU 388 Spirit Dancing on the Waters

Commissioning and Blessing

Response

♪♪ **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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James Bay United Church

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

Earth Day Sunday
APRIL 21, 2024



*We hold the ten thousand things of the troubled earth
in mind and in spirit while offering the few beautiful
things that we, and we alone,
are able to offer with our ten little fingers.*

Earth Day 2024 Theme

The theme of Earth Day 2024 is “Planet vs. Plastics”. This is about fighting the big problem of plastic all over the world. Earth Day organization wants to bring people from different places together. The goal is to make much less plastic, 60% less by 2040. We want a future without so much plastic. This is not just about having less trash, but it is also about keeping us and the environment healthy.



Kathleen Rogers, who represents earthday.org, tells us that plastic is everywhere, even inside us. This is bad for our health. Small pieces of plastic, called microplastics, are getting into our food, water, and air. They can be harmful. In the last 10 years, we have made more and more plastic and this is dangerous for both the environment and our health. Denis Hayes, another activist, says the petrochemical industry is a big part of the problem. This industry makes a lot of plastic. Often, they put their factories in poor areas. This hurts the people and the environment there. Surprisingly, most items, like plastic bags and drinking bottles, are not recycled. Also, making plastic bottles uses a lot of water.

For local Events visit: <https://allevents.in/victoria/earth-day>

This Week at James Bay United Church

April 22, - April 28, 2024

Monday, April 22 - Community Guitar Class aka Guitar Jam with Aaron Watson www.jamesbayunited.com Classes approx.. \$12/ class payable either by drop-in or term registration.

Tuesday, April 23 Tuesday Night Jazz. 7pm Sanctuary **Everyone Welcome! Admission by donation (\$20 suggested)**

Wednesday, April 24 9-10:30 in the lower hall **Tai Chi and Chi Kung with Curtis Nadj - \$45/month**

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 25 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 25 Centering Prayer 1-2pm
All are welcome, especially those with a centering prayer practice. **Online & zoom** 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 26 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 26 & Saturday April 27: JBUC Thrift Shop
Open 10am – 1pm **Donations Received: Wed., Thurs., and Sat. 10am - 12noon.**

Sunday, April 28 (after Sunday Worship) Second session Worship Workshop. charlottedaystar@gmail.com

New in the JBUC library this week

Sharing Our Journeys 2

(Queer BIPOC Elders Tell Their Stories) (Paperback)

By Ron Kearse.

Queer BIPOC Elders Tell Their Stories is a volume of essays from authors who speak of the pain and ridicule of being different, courage in the face of ostracism, same-sex love and transitioning genders, when and where they were illegal from a perspective of various 2SLGBTQ+ Black, Indigenous, and People of Colour communities.

"The success of community building begins with drawing one another in to participation through connection and conversation. Sharing Our Journeys 2 could be an important conversation-starter, as we work together to co-create communities of loving inclusion."

