

GATHERING IN THE SPIRIT

Pre-Service Singing

♪♪ MV #14: Where Two or Three Are Gathered

♪♪ VU # 395: Part of the Family

♪♪ MV # 40: Never Ending Joy

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 - Cliff Boldt

Light Of Love by Gordon Miller

♪♪ Light of Love, shine in me

show me all that's good and fair

Light of Love, be in my heart,

I know you'll always be there.

Opening Prayer

O Eastering One,

As we continue to move through these middle weeks 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 wounded spaces we carry within ourselves.

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 #10 Come and Seek the Ways of Wisdom

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 - li - lu - ia al - le - lu - ia

Scripture: John 15: 1-8 Reader: Elvira Sentes

♪♪ Alleluia

Reflection: *Healing the Wounds of Division: Stories of Reconciliation* - André Fontaine

RESPONDING WITH OUR WHOLE HEARTS

♪♪ Hymn VU # 427 - To Show by Touch and Word

Prayers of the People - Karla Weir [read by André Fontaine]

Lord's Prayer

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**
by Jim Cotter, Sheffield. Cairns Publications

Offering Ourselves with our Gifts

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

Your will be done on earth x 2

Work of the People

GOING OUT TO SERVE

♪♪ **Hymn: MV # 221 I Am Walking a Path of Peace**

Commissioning and Blessing

Response

♪♪ **Behold, behold, 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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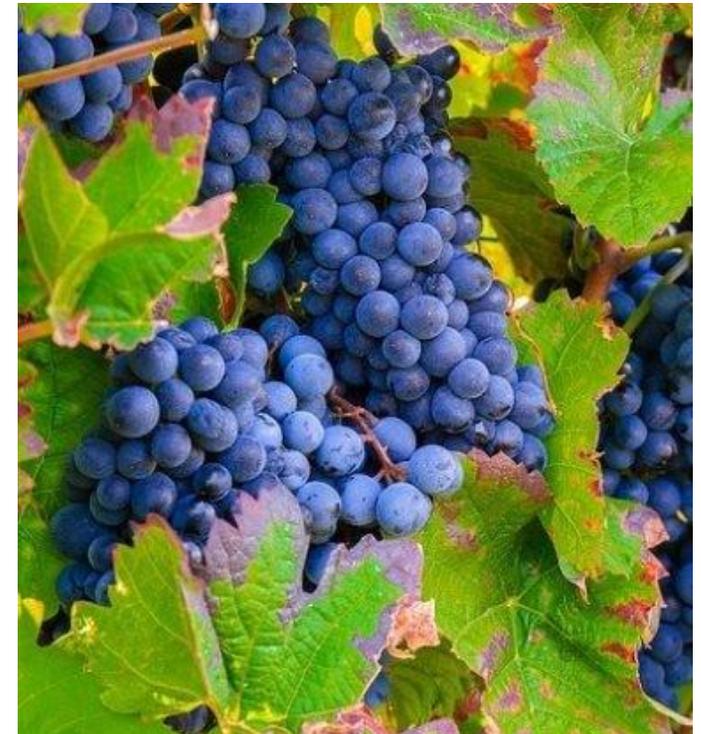
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James Bay United Church

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

**Easter 5
APRIL 28, 2024**



This Week at James Bay United Church

April 28, - May 4, 2024

TODAY: Sunday April 28 Healing Pathway practitioners will be offering “Soaking Prayer” following the service. We invite anyone who would like to come and sit in a chair at the back section of the sanctuary for a few minutes to receive healing energy through the Soaking Prayer technique. One practitioner will place their hands gently on your shoulders as you are seated.

TODAY: Sunday, April 28 (after Sunday Worship)
Second session Worship Workshop.

Monday, April 29 - 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 30 Tuesday Night Jazz. 7pm Sanctuary
Everyone Welcome! Admission by donation (\$20 suggested)

Wednesday, May 1 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, May 2 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, May 2 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, May 3 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, May 3 & Saturday May 4: JBUC Thrift Shop
Open 10am – 1pm **Donations Received: Wed., Thurs., and Sat. 10am - 12noon.**

Saturday, May 4, 2024



Dinner is potluck.
Doors open 6pm
Dinner at 6:20pm
Movie starts at 7:20pm

“Zorba the Greek” We’re going for a great old classic from 1965 “Zorba the Greek”. Winner of two Academy Awards. Starring Alan Bates, Anthony Quinn and Canadian Lila Kedrova. This film raises lots of questions about how men should treat women. Also the old practices of grieving (wailing) when a dear friend is dying.

New in the JBUC library this week: From Gregory Boyle.

The Whole Language: The Power of Extravagant Tenderness shines a light on the men and women who have lived through such immeasurable trauma, poverty and despair that the task of healing their pain is monumental. It is a task most people turn away from, dismissing the behaviour of street and gang-involved people as a poor life choice at best, evil at worst. This book invites the reader to reject that turning away. Boyle’s simple answer to the boundaries that we have put up for ourselves is “extravagant tenderness” and that means love in all its complexity—a loss of defensiveness, acceptance, and inviting in. “We’ve mistaken moral outrage for moral compass,” Boyle writes. “Moral compass helps you see with clarity how complex and damaged people are. It is the whole language. Moral outrage just increases the volume and the distance that separates us. A few years ago a video of one of Gregory Boyle’s speeches went viral, and you can see that glimpse into his optimistic storytelling.

<https://youtu.be/zk--XN4ozr8?si=EaQLxxEa9AM4288C>



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