

## GATHERING IN THE SPIRIT

Music for Meditation

Gathering song

♪♪ God whose love flows like a river~

**Shower your Spirit upon us all**

God whose grace pours down like summer rain

**Shower your Spirit upon us all.**

God whose justice calls like crashing thunder,

**Make your ever presence known to us.**

**Hear our prayer, Oh hear our prayer.**

**Shower your Spirit upon us all.**

- words and music: Brett Hesla

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 - Owen McCooley

Opening Prayer

**O Great and Holy One,  
we welcome your Spirit into our midst  
... as breath, as heart-beat,  
as the flow of life through our veins,  
as sparks of inspiration lighting us up, as deep sense of holy  
companionship. Move among us now, O bestower of Grace,  
as we open ourselves to the wonder and mystery**

of abiding fully and freely in your Presence.  
In the strong name of Jesus we pray, **AMEN**

♪ Hymn: MV 10 Come & Seek the Ways of Wisdom

Sharing the Peace of Christ

## SHARING THE GOOD NEWS

♪ **Open our hearts, open our minds.  
Open our lives to you O loving God.  
Open our hearts.**

Scripture: 1 Samuel 3: 1-20 - Chris Bodnarchuk

Reflection: Colleen Nichol

## RESPONDING WITH OUR WHOLE HEARTS

♪♪ Hymn: MV 20 God of Still Waiting

Prayers of the People

♪ ~ VU 411 **O God, we call, O God we call.**

**From deep inside we yearn,  
From deep inside we yearn,  
From deep inside we yearn for you.**

LORD'S PRAYER - First Nations Translation

O Great Spirit, our Father/Mother from above, we honour your name as sacred and holy. Bring your good road to us, where the beauty of your ways in the spirit-world above is reflected in the earth below.

Provide for us day by day — the elk, the buffalo, and the salmon. The corn, the squash, and the wild rice.

# James Bay United Church

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

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All the things we need for each day. Release us from the things we have done wrong, in the same way we release others for the things done wrong to us. Guide us away from the things that tempt us to stray from your good road, and set us free from the evil one and his worthless ways.  
Aho! May it be so!

Offering Ourselves with our Gifts

♪ **Spirit of Life, come unto me.  
Sing in my heart all the stirrings of compassion.  
Blow in the wind, rise in the sea;  
move in the hand, giving life the shape of justice.  
Roots hold me close; wings set me free;  
Spirit of Life, come to me, come to me. ~ VU 381 ~**

The Work of the People

## **GOING OUT TO SERVE**

♪ **Hymn: MV 98 Like a River of Tears**

Commissioning and Blessing

Response ~ MV 156~

♪♪ **Dance with the Spirit early in the mornin',  
walk with the Spirit throughout the long day.  
Work and hope for the new life a-born-in',  
listen to the Spirit to show you the way.**

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