

Music: Jennifer Turner

## GATHERING IN THE SPIRIT

Gathering Song

~ MV 62 ~

♪ ♪ **There is room for all in the shadow of God's wing;  
There is room for all, sheltered in God's love. And I  
rejoice and sing "My refuge and my rock in whom I  
trust." There is room for all. There is room for all.**

Welcome: Rev. Greg Powell

Territorial Acknowledgement

**The land on which we gather has sustained the  
Lək̓wəŋən peoples since time immemorial. This same  
land now has a title that reads, "James Bay United  
Church," which complicates efforts of reconciliation.**

**We believe God yearns for all to recognize each other  
as one, as related. May we be so courageous as to  
take those complicated but necessary steps toward  
unity and right relationship.**

Lighting the Christ Candle:

♪ ♪ We are walking a path of hope (x 3)

Lead us home. Lead us home ~ MV 221 ~

Opening Prayer

**Source of life and love, in this house, in this  
sanctuary, we are safe. In your love, we are safe. We  
are also free – free to be fully loved, and free to love  
fully. Hear our song, receive our prayer. Be in our  
worship. Move us to be one in love, united by a desire  
to know the wholeness and healing you provide. Help  
us to be one in Christ, for all the world.**

Hymn: MV 1 Let Us Build a House

Sharing the Peace of Christ

## SHARING THE GOOD NEWS

♪ ♪ **Open our hearts, open our minds,  
Open our lives to you O loving God.** ~ MV 21 ~

Scripture Reading Matthew 2: 11-15,  
Deuteronomy 10: 17-19 Reader: Janice Langley

Reflection: Rev. Greg Powell

Hymn: MV 53 God Who Spread the Boundless Prairie

Communion

Communion Song

♪ ♪ **Bread of life, feed my soul,** ~ MV 194 ~  
**As the presence of the Spirit makes me whole.  
Bread of life, fill my heart  
With the grace and mercy you impart.**

## RESPONDING WITH OUR WHOLE HEARTS

Offering Ourselves with our Gifts

Offertory Response

~ MV 151 ~

♪ ♪ **Your will be done, be done on earth** (x 2)

**Your will be done, be done on earth.**

**Your will be done on earth** (x 2)

Announcements: Work of the People

## GOING OUT TO SERVE

Hymn: MV 143 Abundant Life

## Commissioning and Blessing

Response

~ MV 145 ~

♪ ♪ *(Refrain)* **Draw the Circle wide. Draw it wider still.  
Let this be our song, no one stands alone,  
standing side by side, draw the circle wide.**

**Let our hearts touch far horizons,  
so encompass great and small;  
let our loving know no borders, faithful to God's call.**

*Refrain*

**Let the dreams we dream be larger,  
than we've ever dreamed before;  
let the dream of Christ be in us, open every door.**

*Refrain*

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

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