

Gathering Music: Exploring hymns of the past

### **GATHERING IN THE SPIRIT**

Gathering Song

♪♪ **Holy, holy, holy! Lord God almighty! Early in the morning our song shall rise to thee; holy, holy, holy, merciful and mighty, God in three persons, blessed Trinity!**

Welcome: Charlotte Caron

Lighting the Christ Candle

Opening Prayer

**From sea to sea to sea, we of the United Church gather in worship. We give thanks for the richness of our heritage and the joy we experience as we worship together. We praise you, O God, for all the gifts that you have given us individually and as a church. We praise you that you give us life and hope. As we worship today may we be strengthened by the rich history we share and know your gracious love that surrounds us always. Amen.**

Hymn: MV 145 Draw the Circle Wide

Sharing the Peace of Christ

### **SHARING THE GOOD NEWS**

♪♪ **Love is calling, be open O my heart**

~ Bret Hesla ~

Scripture Reading: I Cor. 12: 1, 4-13

Read by: Deborah Davis

Reflection

Vignettes from history read by André Fontaine, Karen Halliday, and Anne Manikel

Reflection 1: What the United Church is (Canadian, Educated, Connected, Brave, Outward-looking.)

♪♪ **We are walking a path of love x 3  
Bring us home. Bring us home.**

Reflection 2: Three people from our past that influenced the church (Louise McKinney, Wilbur Howard, Tim Stevenson)

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Reflection 3: What has shaped us to be the church we are (Colonialism, Our Structure, Inclusiveness, Theology.)

A New Creed (VU 918)

### **RESPONDING WITH OUR WHOLE HEARTS**

Prayers of the People: James Troutman concluding with the sung Jesus' Prayer (VU 960)

Offering Ourselves with our Gifts

♪♪ **What can I do? What can I bring? What can I say? What can I sing? I'll sing with joy. I'll say a prayer. I'll bring my love. I'll do my share.**

~ MV 191 ~

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## The Work of the People

### GOING OUT TO SERVE

Hymn: VU 602 Blest be the Tie that Binds

Commissioning and Blessing

Response ~ VU 649 ~

♪ Walk with me, I will walk with you and build the land that God has planned where love shines through.

## James Bay United Church

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

**Celebrating 100 Years of the United  
Church of Canada  
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