

Gathering Music: Jennifer Turner

GATHERING IN THE SPIRIT

Gathering Song

~ MV 62 ~

♪♪ **There is room for all in the shadows 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

We gather on land that has sustained the Kosapsum, the Songhees, and their trading partners for a long time even before churches, houses, shops, and community centres were built. We seek reconciliation and right relationship; we also seek wisdom to be good stewards of the land and good stewards of power for the sake of all life.

Lighting the Christ Candle

Opening Prayer: *Adapted from the text of the United Church's 1986 Apology to Indigenous Peoples.*

**Mystery that surrounds us,
Untwist us, bring us clarity today,
Help us to recognize the image of Creation in us all.
Help us to understand the depth and richness of many cultures.
Soften our hearts so that we never again confuse our ways for the full breadth, length, and height of Christ Jesus.
Journey together with us in the Spirit of Christ so that all your peoples may be blessed and the fullness of creation healed. Amen.**

Hymn MV 135 Called by Earth and Sky

Sharing the Peace of Christ

SHARING THE GOOD NEWS

♪♪ **Love is calling, be open oh my heart.**

~ Bret Hesla ~

Scripture Reading: Galatians 3:23-29

Read by: Owen McCooley

Reflection: Rev. Greg Powell

Hymn MV 143 We Cannot Own the Sunlit Sky

RESPONDING WITH OUR WHOLE HEARTS

Prayers of the People

~ VU 239 ~

♪♪ **O Great Spirit, how I long to touch your hands.
How I long to see your face.
A way hi ho a way hi ho a way hi hi ho.**

Work of the People

Offering Ourselves with our Gifts

~ MV 27 ~

♪♪ **In every flow'r and ev'ry tree, we see your great diversity, yet greater still we see your love, expressed in our humanity.**

Refrain:

Through hands that paint majestic skies, and voices chanting melody, with words that reach beyond the page, we comprehend your mystery.

When with our hearts, our hands our minds, we share our gifts with all the world, our spirits soar beyond the veil, to touch the very face of God.

Refrain

GOING OUT TO SERVE

Hymn VU 678 For the Healing of the Nations

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*

**Second Sunday After Pentecost
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