

Gathering Music: Gordon Miller & Congregation
(please see insert)

1. When the Spirit of the Lord ~ Anon.
2. Woke up this mornin' with my mind stayed on freedom.
~ by Robert Wesby based on an earlier African American Spiritual

GATHERING IN THE SPIRIT

Gathering Song: The Spirit In Me Greets the Spirit in You
~ Jim Strathdee

♪♪ **The Spirit In me greets the Spirit in you, Alleluia,
God's in us and we're in God.** (Repeat many x's)

Welcome: Karen Halliday

Territorial Acknowledgement

**Standing on the traditional territories of the
ləkʷəŋən-speaking peoples – the Songhees and
Kosapsum Nations – we acknowledge their enduring
relationship with this land and their teachings that call
us to live in harmony with the earth. We commit
ourselves to learning from their example, to walking
gently upon the earth, and to nurturing a relationship
with creation that reflects justice, harmony and respect.**

Lighting the Christ Candle: Richard Wey

Opening Prayer

**Eternal God,
Whose image lies in the hearts of all people,
We live among peoples
whose languages are different from our own,
whose faiths are foreign to us,
Whose ways we fail to understand.
Help us to remember
that you embrace all people with your love,
that all religion is a response to you,
that the yearning of other hearts
are much like our own, and are known to you. ... >**

**Help us to recognize you in words of truth,
things of beauty, and actions of love about us.
We pray in the name of the One who calls us to
be neighbour and friend. Amen**

Hymn MV # 10 Come and Seek the Ways of Wisdom

Sharing the Peace of Christ

SHARING THE GOOD NEWS

♪♪ **God's word is life, God's word is life,
God's word is life, thanks be to God.** (repeat)
By Gordon Miller

Scripture Reading: John 17:1-11

Read by: Sarah Hovey

Reflection: Min Goo Kang

RESPONDING WITH OUR WHOLE HEARTS

Hymn MV #1 Let Us Build a House

Prayers of the People: Cheryl Macpherson

The Lord's Prayer

**O Birther! Father-Mother of the Cosmos, focus
your light within us – make it useful
Create your reign of unity now
Your one desire then acts with ours, as in all light,
so in all forms.
Grant what we need each day in bread and insight.
Loose the cords of mistakes binding us, as we
release the strands we hold of others' guilt.
Don't let surface things delude us, but free us
from what holds us back. ... >**

From you is born all ruling will, the power and the life to do, the song that beautifies all, from age to age it renews.

Truly – power to these statements – may they be the ground from which all my actions grow. Amen

(Aramaic translation taken from “Prayers of the Cosmos. Reflections on the Original Meaning of Jesus’s Words”

~ 1990 Neil Douglas-Klotz HarperOne. New York)

OFFERING OURSELVES WITH OUR GIFTS

Hymn VU 603 In Loving Partnership We Come V's 1,2

The Work of the People

GOING OUT TO SERVE

Hymn MV 209 Go Make a Difference

Commissioning and Blessing

Response

♪ AMEN

James Bay United Church

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

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