

Gathering Music: Gordon Miller

GATHERING IN THE SPIRIT

Gathering Song

The Church is Wherever God's People Are

~ VU 579 (modified) ~

**The church is wherever God's people are praising,
singing God's goodness for joy on this day.**

**The church is wherever disciples of Jesus
remember his story and walk in his way.**

**The church is wherever God's people are
listening,**

watching and learning and walking with grace.

**The church is wherever we see in the stranger
the face of the Christ that we humbly embrace.**

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

**Holy One, we gather in your presence for this time of
sanctuary to find renewal, to find peace, to find
healing, and to find belonging. Each of us has a
reason for being here, and yet none of us fully knows
the transformation that awaits.** ... >

**On this day that is full of joy for so many, grant us
what we need to advocate for the wellbeing of all our
siblings. Help us to know when to use our voice, and
when to be silent. Help us to lead, and help us to
know when to follow. And help us to follow your path
to new life, a path trod by Jesus the Christ. Amen.**

Hymn MV 142 Oh, a Song Must Rise

Sharing the Peace of Christ

SHARING THE GOOD NEWS

Psalm 91 (sung responsively)

♪ ♪ And I will raise you up on eagle's wings
Bear you on the breath of dawn
Make you to shine like the sun
And hold you in the palm of my hand.

Scripture Reading: Matthew 9:18-26

Read by: Karen Halliday

Reflection: Rev. Greg Powell

Hymn MV 131 You, Creator God, Have Searched Me

RESPONDING WITH OUR WHOLE HEARTS

Prayers of the People

Work of the People

Offering Ourselves with our Gifts

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

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GOING OUT TO SERVE

Hymn MV 161 I Have Called You by Your Name

Commissioning and Blessing

Response

~ VU 298 ~

♪ ♪ **When you walk from here,
When you walk from here,
walk with justice, walk with mercy,
and with God's humble care.**

James Bay United Church

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

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