

Music for Meditation: 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 area now known as James Bay was home to the Kosapsum and the Songhees long before contact with explorers and travelers from far away. The list of injustices between then and now is long. We commit to the path of reconciliation, though it may be long and unknown, trusting the Spirit will guide us.**

Lighting the Christ Candle

Opening Prayer  
**Source of Life, Creator, we gather today seeking transformation. We know we are beloved as we are; and we know that with you we can be more resilient, more courageous, and more compassionate. Receive the thanks we offer in word and song and in the prayers radiating from our bodies. Make us aware of your eternal presence. Amen.**

Hymn MV 82 Bathe Me in Your Light

Sharing the Peace of Christ

### SHARING THE GOOD NEWS

♪ ♪ Listen in the silence; listen in the noise. Listen for the sound of the Spirit's voice. ~ Linnea Good ~

Scripture Reading: Luke 14:1,7-14  
Read by: Sarah Hovey

Reflection

Hymn MV 65 When We Are Tested  
(Tune: Slane)

### RESPONDING WITH OUR WHOLE HEARTS

Prayers of the People

Lord's Prayer (sung)

Work of the People

Offering Ourselves with our Gifts  
♪ ♪ Take, O take me as I am; ~ MV 85 ~  
Summon out what I shall be;  
Set your seal upon my heart and live in me.

## GOING OUT TO SERVE

Hymn VU 633 Bless Now, O God, the Journey

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 tender care.

## James Bay United Church

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

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**Finding Our True Selves**

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