

Music: Jennifer Turner

GATHERING IN THE SPIRIT

Gathering Song ~ MV 41 ~

♪ ♪ **O beautiful Gaia, O Gaia, calling us home.
O beautiful Gaia, calling us on.**

**Soil yielding its harvest, O Gaia, calling us home.
Soil yielding its harvest, calling us on.**

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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, that
all may be one.**

Lighting the Christ Candle

Pouring Sand ~ MV 174 ~

♪ **Soil of God, you and I, now called to rebirth,
joining as partners with all of the earth. Living in
harmony, for here God is found. All stand
together we are...Holy ground.**

Opening Prayer

**Loving God, we come together today as your
people, grateful for this time and space to
worship. We thank you for the gift of this Earth—
for the land beneath our feet, the soil that offers
connection to you.**

**Help us remember that we are connected to all
living things through you. Make us aware of your
presence, and aware of the deep wisdom that
flows through all of life. Amen**

Hymn VU 296 This Is God's Wondrous World

Sharing the Peace of Christ

Parents may take children to the Sunday Kids room.

Instrumental Meditation

Silent Meditation

Sung Meditation ~ Taize ~

♪ **Live in Charity, and steadfast Love.
Live in Charity, Love will dwell with you.**

SHARING THE GOOD NEWS

Scripture Readings: Genesis 2:4–9, Matthew
17:1-9, John 9:1-12,
Read by: Janice Langley

♪ **Alleluia, your word oh God is spirit and life.
Alleluia, open our hearts to your word.**

~ Bernadette Farrell ~

Reflection

Hymn MV 27 Creator God You Gave Us Life

RESPONDING WITH OUR WHOLE HEARTS

Prayers of the People

Offering Ourselves with our Gifts ~ VU 226 ~

♪ ♪ **For the beauty of the earth, for the glory of the
skies, for the love which from our birth over and
around us lies: God of all, to you we raise this our
hymn of grateful praise.**

Work of the People

GOING OUT TO SERVE

Hymn VU 307 Touch the Earth Lightly

Commissioning and Blessing

Response

~ MV 92 ~

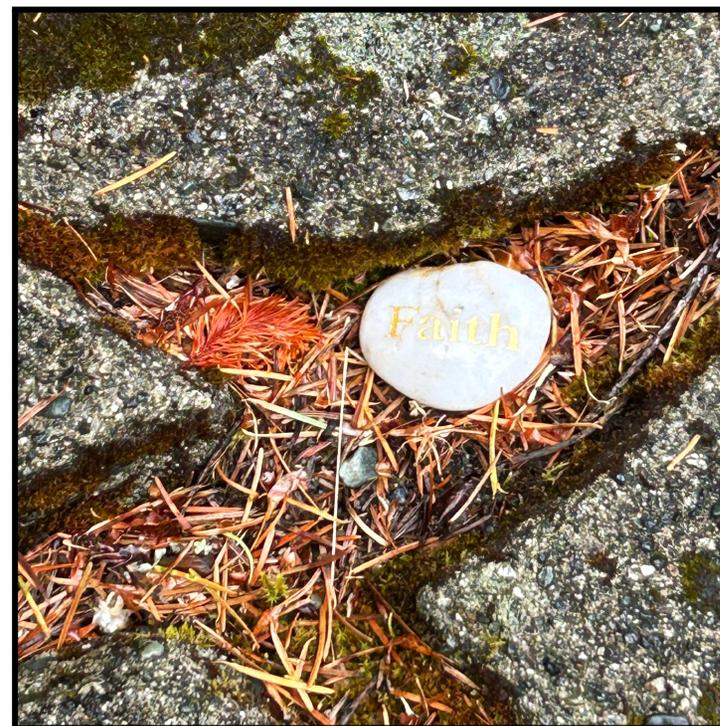
♪ ♪ **Like a rock, like a rock, God is under our feet.
Like the starry night sky God is over our head.
Like the sun on the horizon God is ever before.
Like the river runs to ocean,
Our home is in God evermore.**

James Bay United Church

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

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God Unites With Us Through Earth



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