

Pet Blessing Outdoors

Hymn Sing – Animal Theme: Jennifer Turner

GATHERING IN THE SPIRIT

Gathering Song ~ MV 41 ~

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

**Loon nesting in marshland, O Gaia, calling us home.
Loon nesting in marshland, 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

Blowing Pinwheel ~ VU 381 ~

♪ **Spirit of Life, come unto me. Sing in my heart
all the stirrings of compassion. Blow in the wind,
rise in the sea, move in the hand, giving life the
shape of justice. Roots hold me close; wings set
me free; Spirit of Life, come to me, come to me.**

Opening Prayer

**O God, you are one with us and we take this time
to observe that unity. We celebrate that nothing
can separate us from your love, which fuels all life.
Through the gift of the air, we are connected with
everything that respire—the spirit that dwells in all
things. We thank you for this breath, for these
prayers, and these songs. Amen**

Hymn VU 375 Spirit, Spirit of Gentleness

Sharing the Peace of Christ

Parents may take children to the Sunday Kids room.

Instrumental Meditation

Silent Meditation

Sung Meditation ~ VU 208 Taize ~

♪ **Veni Sancte Spiritus**

SHARING THE GOOD NEWS

Scripture Readings: Colleen Nichol

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

~ Bernadette Farrell ~

Reflection: Linda Mulhall

Hymn MV 150 Spirit God, Be Our Breath

RESPONDING WITH OUR WHOLE HEARTS

Communion

♪ **Eat this bread, drink this cup; come to me and
never be hungry. Eat this bread, drink this cup;
trust in me and you will not thirst.** ~ VU 466 ~

♪ **Bread of life, hope of the world, Jesus Christ,
our brother: feed us now, give us life, lead us to
one another.** ~ Bernadette Farrell ~

Offering Ourselves with our Gifts ~ VU 382 ~

♪ ♪ **Breathe on me, breath of God, fill me with life
anew, that I may love what thou dost love, and do
what thou wouldst do.**

Work of the People

GOING OUT TO SERVE

Hymn VU 295 The Earth and All Who Breathe

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 Air



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