

GATHERING IN THE SPIRIT

(Please note: * indicates please rise in body or in spirit
VU refers to the red hymn book; MV is the coil bound book)

Music for Meditation

Welcome and Announcements

Greeting

Invitation

**Come and gather beneath the tree of life.
Come and gather beneath the tree of life.
Root of wisdom, branch of peace,
fruit of healing and release,
Come and gather beneath the tree of life.**

- words and music: Marty Haugen

Opening Prayer

**In the quiet of the early morning,
we watch for the fire that was in the beginning,
that burns still in the brilliance of the rising sun.
We watch for the glow of life that gleams
in the growing earth and glistens in sea and sky.
We watch for your light, O God,
in every living creature
and in the ever-living flame of our own soul.
If the grace of seeing were ours this day
we would glimpse you in all that lives.
Grant us the grace of seeing this day.
Grant us the grace of seeing.
Amen**

***Hymn MV 27 Creator God You Give Us Life**

SHARING THE GOOD NEWS

Opening to the Word

**Behold! Behold! I make all things new
beginning with you and starting from today.
Behold! Behold! I make all things new
my promise is true, for I am Christ the way.**

MV 115 -words and music: John Bell

Scripture reading: Psalm 19 [VU 740]

God's Word is Life!

All: Thanks be to God

Behold! Behold I make all things new ...

Reflection

***Hymn MV 172 God Says, "Be Still So You May Hear"**

RESPONDING WITH OUR WHOLE HEARTS

Sharing the Peace of Christ

Offering our Gifts

***Song of Dedication**

Take, O take me as I am.

Summon out what I shall be.

Set your seal upon my heart and live in me.

-MV 85 words: John Bell, Graham Maule; music: John Bell

Prayers of the People

GOING OUT TO SERVE

***Hymn VU 299 Teach Me God to Wonder**

***Commissioning and Blessing**

*** With open hand receive and share
the gifts of God's creation
that all may have abundant life
in every earthly nation.**

MV 143 - words: Ruth Duck; music: Marty Haugen

James Bay United Church

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

November 19, 2017



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In every moment, everywhere, we are not even inches away
from the divine presence. ...
Rather than trying to set out like some isolated cosmonaut
in search of God,
maybe the secret is to let God find you.
Instead of endeavouring to reach out in order to find God,
you realize now you are within the matrix
and the adventure is the discovering
of utterly new and unspoken dimensions
of the inexhaustible divine.
-John O'Donahue

**Crisis, Conscience, Community:
the 500th Anniversary of the Reformation**

The John Albert Hall Lecture Series
Thursday afternoons, 5:00 - 6:20 pm, at the
University of Victoria, A120 David Turpin Building

The lectures are free and open to the public.

4. Why the Reformation Still Matters

Thursday November 30 2017

Dr. Brad Gregory, University of Notre Dame, South Bend, IN

Sponsored by the Anglican Diocese of British Columbia,
University of Victoria Multi-Faith Services, and University of
Victoria Centre for Studies in Religion and Society

**Gordon United Church will be hosting a KAIROS blanket
exercise on Sunday, November 26th at 1 p.m.**

935 Goldstream Avenue, Langford. The exercise is an
interactive experience of Canadian history related to the
Treaty Process and its impact on Indigenous peoples.

To pre-register please call the Church Office at
250-478-6632 or email office@gordonunitedchurch.ca .

For more information you can check out the website
at <https://www.kairosblanketexercise.org/> . This is a powerful
and popular experience, so please register early!



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www.giftswithvision.ca or take a look at gifts in the catalogues
located in the JBUC front office reception. Please share the
catalogues with others as there are only 4 available.

Scripture Reader: Kim Tadei

Ushers & Greeters: Sylvia Scott, Marg and Doug Lunam

Please remember in prayer: Dallas, Judith, Kathleen and
Larry Gilbert, Phyllis Pollard, Lorraine, Josh, Alan, Pat, Leyla,
Joan, Ron, Bill Clark, Alissa, Drew, Laurie, Jeanne Miller,
Pam Brown, and Kara Taylor.

CHURCH OFFICE HOURS THIS WEEK

Open Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday 9 am – 12 noon

For Pastoral care emergencies please contact:

Rev. Karen Dickey at 250-592-5931.

THIS WEEK AT JAMES BAY UNITED CHURCH

TODAY! Sunday, Nov. 19th Vocal Workshop from 2 – 5pm
downstairs. A three hour vocal workshop designed to facilitate
and create space for each individual to re-discover their voice
and their comfort within a circle of singers. Louise n'ha Ruby is
a professional singer, songwriter, actor and vocal coach with
live concert and television performances to her credit.
See full info on poster downstairs.

Tuesday, November 21 – OUTREACH

9am – 11:30 Front Office Reception

Friday, November 24

JBUC Thrift Shop OPEN 10am – 2pm

Your donations are gratefully received

Wednesday, Thursday

and Friday 9:00 - 11:30am.

2018 Church Calendars are available for pick-up in the
Church office during regular hours. Calendars are \$5.00 each.

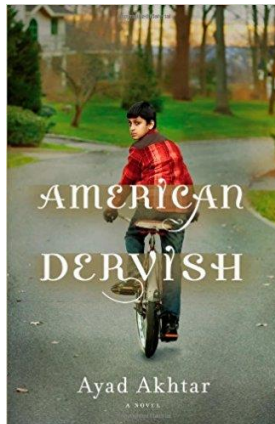
ANNOUNCEMENTS

Our minister, Karen Dickey, is available for conversation! Maybe you wish to know more about James Bay United, or maybe you've been walking around with a question or an idea and it's time to engage it a little more, or perhaps you'd value getting to know Karen and her to know you, *whatever!* ... just know Karen would WELCOME the connection. To set up a time and place, speak to her in person or jot a note kdickey@shaw.ca or phone [250 384 5821](tel:2503845821).

Finding a home for your heart here at James Bay United Church? Some people choose to take the step of becoming a member as a way of outwardly saying YES! to what they are already experiencing inside – a spiritual awakening or re-awakening; a desire to grow in faith, in hope and in love; an eagerness to be part of helping this congregation be home for the hearts of others. If this speaks to you, please speak to Karen to talk more about the why and what and how of membership.

New in the JBUC library this week

AMERICAN DERVISH. Ayah Akhtar has written an engaging coming-of-age story set in a Pakistani community in the U.S. Hayat Shah, the only child of a wealthy, secular family, finds his secure life turned upside down by the arrival of his mother's childhood friend and her son, who have fled a difficult life in Pakistan. With their arrival, Hayat struggles to find a place in his life for the customs and beliefs of his ancestral homeland in a new world of possibilities that are both enticing and threatening.



Interview with Ayad Akhtar <https://youtu.be/hrYpkqxh2Aw>
Ayad Akhtar on Muslim identity and radical Islam
<https://youtu.be/lwYM75ONIBc>

You're Invited!

Victoria Presbytery is planning a party and you are invited!

The United Church is changing its structure and within a year our congregations will belong to a much larger region. This year is our final year as a presbytery, and we think it is important for us to make connections, to establish relationships between individuals and congregations, and to make plans for how we will continue to know and care and support one another locally as the United Church on southern Vancouver Island.

This party is a kick off to this process. If you are a presbytery rep, a minister, a leader in your congregation, or if you are a person that is involved and invested in the life and work of your congregation you are invited! We're preparing for over 100 of you to attend. If you receive this letter please invite everyone in your congregation to attend! **We need your help to spread the word.**

Our time together will provide lots of time to socialize and share hopes and dreams, a half hour of presentations and a vote to affirm the 2017 presbytery executive.

The date: Tuesday, November 28 gathering at 6pm

The venue: Oak Bay United Church, 1355 Mitchell Street

The food: appetizers and a variety of hot and cold drinks will be provided; there will be a cash bar for those who would like to have a glass of wine.

I look forward to being together as we celebrate and anticipate what it is to be the United Church in our time and place.

Every blessing, Beverley Tracey, Chair of Victoria Presbytery

RSVP - As soon as possible, and no later than

November 21 to bevtracey@shaw.ca or [250 592 5931](tel:2505925931)

This is a party hosted by Victoria presbytery so there is no cover charge!



Now is the moment to learn hope.

The *Season of Creation* has become part of our worship life in the Autumn ... carving out a space in the year when we deliberately give our attention to the wonder and the gift of God's creation.

Prompted by our growing awareness that we with the planet are in crisis, this season invites us to see more honestly and to respond more boldly through the resources of our faith. This year we're approaching the season through the theme of "Now is the moment to learn hope," inspired by an address by John Holloway. <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=VxKXd5BjchI>

Along with our experience together on Sunday mornings, the Worship Team is offering a weekly guide to the **practice of contentment**, as an opening to learning hope ... to being hope.

May the abundant blessings of the Spirit be ours this season,

Worship Team ~ Daniel Brandes, Gary Brandstadt,
Karen Dickey, Cheryl Macpherson, Beverley McLean,
Sue Ross, Sylvia Scott

**Practicing contentment is a radical act
in a consumption-driven society.” ***

This week's practice:

The practice of blessing each moment.

The Celtic and Jewish traditions have a beautiful practice of blessing the world in each and every encounter, experience and every ordinary moment. "This act of blessing is really a special way of paying attention. It is a moment of remembering wonder as our primary response to the world. It is an act of consecrating the day."

- Christine Valters Paintner "Illuminating the Way"

What if we imagined our eyes as a vessel of blessing.

Moving through the day noticing gifts received.

Looking out at the world through the "eyes of the heart."

Perhaps even creating your own prayer/blessing.

