

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

Invocation

God welcomes all, strangers and friends.

God's love is strong and it never ends.

words: John Bell; music: South African traditional

Opening Prayer

**God of all life, Breath of our breath,
we gather this day amidst a world
swirling with hurt and hate;
where uprisings of love and solidarity
won't be quenched.**

**On this Sabbath day, as we let ourselves
down in your rest
may we receive back our true selves
by drawing close to you ...
that we may know your desire
and make it our own.**

**We pray in the name of Jesus in whom we see
your healing love at work in our deepest disorder.
Amen**

***Hymn VU 619 Healer of Our Every Ill**

SHARING THE GOOD NEWS

Opening to the Word

Listen, listen, be open O my heart.

Love is calling, be open O my heart.

-words and music: Bret Hesla

Scripture reading: Luke 15: 1-3, 11-32

God's Word is Life!

All: Thanks be to God

Listen, listen, be open O my heart.

Love is calling ...

Reflection

RESPONDING WITH OUR WHOLE HEARTS

Hymn MV 93 What Calls Me from the Death

Sharing the Peace of Christ

Offering our Gifts

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 266 Amazing Grace**

***Commissioning and Blessing**

***We are standing on holy ground.**

We are standing on holy ground.

**God has called, we are journey bound
standing on, standing on holy ground.**

- words and music: Judy Pearson Hafso, Marc Hafso

James Bay United Church

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

September 9, 2018

*In the out-of-the-way places
of the heart*

where your thoughts never think to wander

this beginning

has been quietly forming,

waiting

until you were ready to emerge.

- John O'Donahue

+++++

Minister: Karen Dickey kdickey@shaw.ca

Music: Daniel Brandes

music.jamesbayunitedchurch@gmail.com

Office Administrator: Vanya Smith jbuchurch@gmail.com

Communication & Neighbourhood Engagement: Gordon Miller

commuication.jbuc@gmail.com

Office phone: 250 384 5821

Website: www.jamesbayunited.com

ANNOUNCEMENTS

James Bay Children's Chorus

Thursdays, 4:00 – 5:00 pm

Rehearsals resume, September 13, 2018

James Bay United Church, Sanctuary

For children ages 7 to 14

Contact: Sandra Fletcher for more information

778-677-5887 or spstudio@hotmail.com



Cooperating with Convergence: Teilhard's 'Grand Option' and the Future with Margaret Walters - 4 Tuesdays, 10 am – 12 pm, Sept 11 – Oct 2 | \$75 or \$20 drop in

We will explore Teilhard de Chardin's evolutionary vision of convergence toward communion and the choice he lays before humanity to cooperate with this energy of coalescence or not. Topics include mysticism and personal transformation, the metamorphosis of humanity and global transformation toward a one world communion of life. Please do not let the cost deter your attending, ask us about our scholarship.

Location: Friends Meeting House, 1831 Fern St. Victoria

Register: programs@earthliteracies.org

250-220-4601 www.earthliteracies.org

SingYourJoy starts again on MONDAY, September 10th.

SingYourJoy, Victoria's young adult chorus, is a NON-AUDITIONED group of people (ages 16 - 29) who love to sing. There are no fees to participate - just your commitment to spend your Monday evenings learning, laughing and SINGING! If you've never experienced Sing Your Joy - this is your chance to be part of a great community!

Rehearsals: Mondays 7 - 9pm at Oak Bay United Church

(corner of Mitchell & Granite Streets - bus routes 2, 7, 8)

Co-directed by Christine Chepyha & Gordon Miller.

<http://singyourjoy.ca/join-now/>

Scripture Reader: Gary Brandstadt

Ushers & Greeters: Sylvia Scott, Paul Barker & Doug Lunam

Cup & Conversation: Heather Caldwell, Norma Hill, & Christine Bodnarchuk

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.

Please remember in prayer: Gary Coburn, Eric Manning, Sam and family, Dale, Laurie, Ahmed and Leyla, Jeremy and Denise Cushing.

THIS WEEK AT JAMES BAY UNITED CHURCH

Tuesday, September 11 – Outreach Open

9:00am – 11:30am - Front Office Reception

Friday, September 14 - JBUC Thrift Shop

Open 10am – 2pm

Your donations are gratefully received

Wednesday, Thursday and Friday

9:00 - 11:30am.

+++++



JBUC Neighbourhood Harvest Celebration

Saturday, September 29th

4pm

More info to come.....

