

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

**You gather us into the guesthouse of your great heart,
where you give us to taste and see your love
that knows no end.**

**Help us to be at home there,
to drink deeply from your cup of gladness
to take to heart your delight in our presence
that we might live from the fullness of your joy in us.
Amen**

***Hymn MV I Am the Dream**

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 221 We are Walking A Path of Peace

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

Communion Celebration

[please note: the bread is gluten free; each chalice is filled
with grape juice]

Great Thanksgiving [see insert]

Communion Song

Refrain: **Come to the feast of heaven and earth,
come to the table of plenty.
God will provide for all that we need,
here at the table of plenty.**

**O come and sit at my table
where saints and sinners are friends.
I wait to welcome the lost and lonely
to share the cup of my love.**

**O come and eat without money;
come to drink without price.
My feast of gladness will feed your spirit
with faith and fullness of life.**

**My bread will ever sustain you
through days of sorrow and woe,
My wine will flow like a sea of gladness
to flood the depth of your soul.**

[over]

**Your fields will flower in fullness;
your homes will flourish in peace,
For I, the giver of home and harvest
will send my rain on your soil.**

-words and music: Dan Schutte

GOING OUT TO SERVE

***Hymn MV 1 Let Us Build A House**

***Commissioning and Blessing**

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

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

- words and music: Judy Pearson Hafso, Marc Hafso

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James Bay United Church

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

September 2, 2018

**Each morning ask
where you need to begin
and start there
with humility,
compassion
and holy anticipation.
Everything else follows this.**

-Christine Valters Paintner

Mark your calendars and pre-register today!

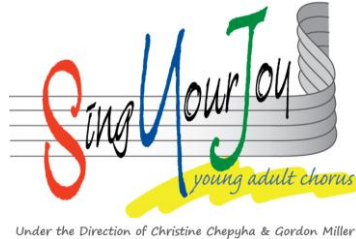
SingYourJoy starts again on MONDAY, September 10th.

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)

We welcome new and returning singers on TWO evenings - September 10 & 17! In person registration starts at 6pm on these nights. Our 13 week season ends in concert on Friday, December 7th.

SingYourJoy Young Adult Chorus - a non-auditioned chorus for young adults (16-29) from all walks of life, joining our voices together in an exuberant expression of joy, building friendships, and growing community. Co-directed by Christine Chepyha & Gordon Miller.
<http://singyourjoy.ca/join-now/>



Rental Suite Wanted:

Mature Christian is looking for a rental suit or house sitting: Furnished, In the downtown Victoria area, One bedroom with Utilities & Wi-Fi included. Please contact: Peggy at: peggy@windleycontracting.com

I will be working on a construction project for two years; I am responsible, reliable, and will keep your suite in mint condition ☺ and would enjoy renting from a Christian family.

Scripture Reader: Paul Barker

Ushers & Greeters: Sylvia Scott and Paul Barker

Communion Servers: Paul Barker, Heather Caldwell, Norma Hill, Sylvia Scott, Janet Russell

CHURCH OFFICE HOURS THIS WEEK

The Church office and Outreach will be closed on Tuesday, Sept. 4 in lieu of the Labour day statutory holiday.

Open 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

Wednesday, September 5 – JBUC Board Meeting

10am - Front Office Reception

Friday, September 7 - JBUC Thrift Shop Open 10am – 2pm

Your donations are gratefully received

Wednesday, Thursday and Friday

9:00 - 11:30am.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

*Thank
you!*

**To everyone who supplied home
baked cookies for our Thrift Shop
Customer Appreciation Day.
They were most appreciated!**

New in the JBUC library:

MIXED BLESSINGS. In this new edition of her earliest collection of sermons, Barbara Brown Taylor brings her down-to-earth wisdom and keen perspective to the readings of the lectionary cycle. Originally preached for the congregation of All Saints' Episcopal Church in downtown Atlanta, the topics of these sermons range from conversations with Abraham and Moses in the texts of the Hebrew Scriptures to our awareness of the communion of saints and how to recognize a miracle when one comes our way.

James Bay Plant Swap Irving Park

Saturday, Sept 8, 10-12 in Irving Park (Michigan at Menzies)

Organized by the James Bay Neighbourhood Association

The main goal is to move excess plants and unused tools into the hands of neighbours who need or want them

There are four ways individuals can take part:

1. Have lots of stuff needing new homes? Set up a table and sell, swap, or give away.
2. Have just a few things? Wander by with them under your arm and do likewise.
3. Can't make it on the day or don't want to hang around? Donate your items to the JBNA Gardening table - all proceeds from this table fund JB neighbourhood gardening projects
4. No plants or tools? - then come find some.

All the not-for-profit gardens in James Bay, like the JBUC gardens, are welcome to set up a table and either sell, swap or give away garden items, recruit volunteers, or just tell people about your garden project. We do this twice a year, in early May and early Sept, so even if you don't want to participate this fall, keep it in mind for the future.



Retreat day: Enjoy a Nourishing Day in Nature at Beautiful Mary Lake Nature Sanctuary with Gertie Jocksch SC

Thursday Sept 6, 10 am – 5:00 pm | \$65.00 | Please bring lunch, refreshments are provided

During this day we will gather together at the beginning and end of the day with a simple reflection. The rest of the time is

free to walk, to be, to write, to paint or whatever you desire for this time in nature.

Please do not let the cost deter your attending, ask us about our scholarship.

Location: Mary Lake Nature Sanctuary, [1772 Millstream Rd. Victoria](#) (Do you need/can offer a ride?)

Register: programs@earthliteracies.org 250-220-4601 www.earthliteracies.org

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