

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

Invitation

**Come Radiant One, fill our world with your promise.
Come, Shining Presence, fill our world with your love.**
- words and music: Bruce Harding

Opening Prayer

**Radiant One, Light within all life,
for the morning light and its irresistible dawning
we thank you.
For the mystery of your presence in and beyond
all that can be seen, we thank you.
For the endless outpouring of yourself
that we may know your heart's desire
and be guided into ways of peace and joy,
we thank you.
May the light of your love rise within us
and shine upon us this day that we may be strengthened
in body mind and spirit to live with new born hope.
We pray in the name of the Jesus child, who draws us
even now into your new day. Amen**

***Hymn VU 91 The First Nowell**

SHARING THE GOOD NEWS

Opening to the Word

**Christ is born; give him glory!
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VU 41 words: traditional Byzantine Christmas prayer
music: Raquel Mora Martinez

Scripture reading: Matthew 2: 1-15

God's Word is Life!
All: Thanks be to God

Christ is born; give him glory! ...

Reflection

RESPONDING WITH OUR WHOLE HEARTS

***Hymn MV 82 Bathe Me in Your Light**

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 92 In the Darkness Shines the Splendour**

***Commissioning and Blessing**

*** May the love of our God rest upon your soul.
May God's love dwell in you, throughout everyday.
May God's countenance shine upon you
and be gracious to you.
May God's Spirit be upon you as you leave this place.**

MV 218 - words: Maria Ling Poh; music: Swee Hong Lim

Epiphany Sunday Cover here

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ANNOUNCEMENTS



The Planetary Shaman, Integral Theory, Evolutionary Spirituality & Participation in the Sacred Biosphere with Layman Pascal
4 Tuesdays Jan 9 – 30, 2018 ,
10 am – 12 pm | \$75 or \$20 drop in

It may be possible to start cultivating a planetary wisdom-civilization and a great tribe of wholeness. To do so requires that we become better and more flexible explorers and students of whatever skills are needed to generate and regenerate sacred traditions without falling into irrationalism. We need to be more complete participants in the multidimensional mystery of Nature. This is a job for new kinds of shamans.

Victoria Multi Faith Society

Lunch and Learn weekly series is beginning NOON, THURSDAY, 18 JANUARY, with *Multifaith Perspectives on Modern Issues*. Three to four panelists from diverse religions will be speaking briefly on the subjects below, followed by Q&A. No registration. This has been a popular series so arriving early is recommended.

January 18 Reconciliation / Forgiveness
January 25 Environmental Stewardship
February 1 Caring for the Vulnerable
February 8 The Education of Children
February 15 The Afterlife

[VMS Lunch & Learn web page](#) for more information.

Creating Our Future: Visioning a Sustainable, Compassionate World will be held Sunday afternoon 4 February in honour of UN World Interfaith Harmony week, organized in collaboration with UVic Multifaith Services
No registration is needed, but please note the date and time.

Scripture Reader: Sylvia Scott

Ushers & Greeters: Aleksa Harkness, Sylvia Scott and Judy Krzesowski

Cup & Conversation: Bev, Marion, Cheryl and Linda

Please remember in prayer: Lee Dennis, Asher and his parents Adam and Anna, Dallas, Judith, Kathleen and Larry Gilbert, Lorraine, Josh, Alan, Pat, Leyla, 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

Tuesday, January 9 – OUTREACH 9am – 11:30

Location: Front Office Reception

ANNOUNCEMENTS

December 22 – February 1 - JBUC - Thrift Shop CLOSED

The James Bay United Church Thrift Shop will re-open Friday, February 2, 2018. Donations gratefully accepted again Wednesday, January 31 and Thursday, February 1.

New in the JBUC library this week:

SURPRISED BY JOY: THE SHAPE OF MY EARLY LIFE, the classic by C. S. Lewis. He identifies a quality which he calls "Joy," which occurs in what he describes as "a stab of joy." An honest and insightful observer of humanity, C.S. Lewis recounts his search for joy, a spiritual journey that led him from a traditional Christian childhood in Belfast to a youthful atheism and, finally, back to a confident Christianity.

