

SHARING THE GOOD NEWS

Opening to the Word

**Send out your light, Lord, send your truth,
to be my guide.**

Then let them lead me to the place where you reside.

- words and music: Iona Community (based on Psalm 43)

Scripture reading: Psalm 139 [VU 861]

John 1: 43-51

God's Word is Life!

All: Thanks be to God

Send out your light ...

Reflection

RESPONDING WITH OUR WHOLE HEARTS

*Hymn MV 94 Love Knocks and Waits

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 642 Be Thou My Vision

*Commissioning and Blessing

* **Arise, be clothed in the light.**

Arise, be clothed in the light.

Your light has come. Your light has come.

Hallelujah!

VU 886 - Lawrence M Probes (based on Isaiah 60)

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

**Holy light, still burning bright,
presence of God that frees us.**

**Lift the shadows from our soul,
shine through our life, dear Jesus,
shine through our life, dear Jesus.**

- words and music: Jim Strathdee

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,
who draws us even now into your new day. Amen**

*Hymn VU 374 Come and Find the Quiet Centre

James Bay United Church

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

January 28, 2018

Maybe I would judge less
if I knew how much of myself
is invisible to me.

Maybe I would wound less often
if I only saw how much mystery
entangles even the simplest gesture.

Maybe I would fear less
if I had the eyes of the One Within
who sees all and never recoils but leans close,
who sees even my most awfulness
tiny as it is amidst so much glory.

- Steve Garnass-Holmes

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ANNOUNCEMENTS



Feb 13 is Shrove Tuesday.
Watch for further details of our pancake supper.

Creating Our Future

Visioning a Sustainable, Compassionate World
Sunday, February 4 at 1pm
David Lam Auditorium, MacLaurin Building, UVIC
In honour of UN World Interfaith Harmony Week
and the 70th anniversary of the Universal Declaration
of Human Rights
Panelists, Music, Ethnic Refreshments
*Sponsored by: University of Victoria Multifaith Services and
Victoria Multifaith Society*

Vancouver School of Theology Presents:

A series of evening public lectures and daytime workshops at Oak Bay United Church designed to get you thinking and acting for the good in God's world. The evening lectures (Feb 9 & 23, Mar 9 & 23) are free and open to the public; the workshops (Feb 10 & 24, Mar 10 & 24) are \$25 per workshop. See the posters on the bulletin board for more info. Registration is online only: www.bit.ly/vst-academy

James Bay United Church Thrift Shop CLOSED December 22 – February 1

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.

Scripture Reader: Cheryl Caldwell

Ushers & Greeters: Sylvia Scott, Kathie Putt and Paul Barker

Cup & Conversation: Bev Tracey, Marion Handcock, Karen Pollett, and Linda Clegg

Please remember in prayer: Julia, 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 30 – OUTREACH 9am – 11:30

Location: Front Office Reception

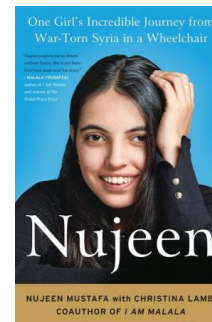
Wednesday, January 31 - James Bay Children's Chorus 4pm

Saturday, February 3, Singles Potluck Dinner

Doors open at 6:10pm. For further information contact

Gary Brandstadt at 250-385-4636.

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New in the James Bay United Church library this week: NUJEEN by Nujeen

Mustafa and Christina Lamb. Born with cerebral palsy, 18-year-old Nujeen (whose family is Kurdish) fled the war in Syria in 2014, pushed in her wheelchair by her older sister. The two made the hazardous journey, crossing seven borders and the Mediterranean Sea to reach Europe. When they arrived in Germany, where she now lives, Nujeen said she felt like

a movie hero who had completed a dangerous adventure. What she hadn't yet realized, however, was that the biggest battle was yet to be fought: fitting in, "when everything you are is strange and foreign