

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 MV 106 I Am the Dream**

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: Mark 1: 14-20

Ephesians 3: 16- 21

God's Word is Life!

All: Thanks be to God

Send out your light ...

Reflection

RESPONDING WITH OUR WHOLE HEARTS

***Hymn VU 563 Jesus, You Have Come to the Lakeshore**

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 509 Here I Am**

***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)

James Bay United Church

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

January 21, 2018

Jesus,
you are not sending me off;
you are calling me to stay close to you,
you who go before me in my own life.

You are not asking me to do something strange,
but inviting me to be my true self,
to be who I am created to be.

You are not sending me to a foreign place;
you are calling me home.
The compass in my heart
already points to you.

Every moment you are going ahead of me;
you are right here.
Give me grace every moment to follow you
into this very moment.

- Steve Garnaas-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: Marg Lunam

Ushers & Greeters: Pam Warwick, Cheryl Caldwell
and Doug Lunam

Cup & Conversation: Christine, Bev, Marion, Cheryl and
Eunice.

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

Staff Notes: Karen is away on holiday this week, returning
Friday Jan 26th. The Rev. Alanna Menu, minister with
Centennial United, will be on call for Pastoral emergencies.
She can be reached at cell number: [778-676-0138](tel:778-676-0138);
home: [250-656-0138](tel:250-656-0138)

THIS WEEK AT JAMES BAY UNITED CHURCH

Tuesday, January 23 – OUTREACH 9am – 11:30

Location: Front Office Reception

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New in the James Bay United Church library this week are
two Classics: A 19th century Russian spiritual classic on prayer,
THE WAY OF A PILGRIM and THE WAY OF A PILGRIM which
recounts the adventures of an anonymous Russian pilgrim who
roams the vast Siberian steppes reciting the Jesus Prayer in
order to obey Christ's injunction to Pray without ceasing.

And

PRAYING THE PSALMS Guides by Thomas Merton who
guides the reader through the more representative psalms,
while explaining why the Church also considers the psalms as
the best way to praise God.