

## **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)

### **Gathering Song:**

MV # 10 Come and Seek the Ways of Wisdom  
Words: Ruth Duck, 1993 Music: Donna Kasbohm, 1995

### **Territorial Acknowledgement**

### **Welcome and Announcements**

Invitation

**Come all you people, come and praise your Maker. [x3]**  
**Come now and worship your God.**

MV 2 words and music: Alexander Gondo, Zimbabwe

### **Opening Prayer**

**\*Hymn MV # 27 Creator God You Gave Us Life**

Words and Music: Judith Snowdon, 2004

## **SHARING THE GOOD NEWS**

Opening to the Word

**MV # 21**

**Open our hearts, Open our minds,  
Open our lives to you O loving God.**

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Open our lives to you O loving God.**

**last time: Open our hearts.**

words and music: Jim Strathdee 2006

### **Scripture reading:**

Daniel 7: 9-10, 13-14

John 18: 33-37

God's Word is Life!

**All: Thanks be to God**

**Message: One Persons Baby Steps - Gordon Miller**

Reconciliation By Rebeka Tabobondung

**Read by Judy Krzesowski**

We are waking up to our history  
from a forced slumber  
We are breathing it into our lungs  
so it will be a part of us again  
It will make us angry at first  
because we will see how much you  
stole from us  
and for how long you watched us suffer  
we will see how you see us  
and how when we copied your ways  
we killed our own.

We will cry and cry and cry  
because we can never be the same again  
But we will go home to cry  
and we will see ourselves in this huge mess  
and we will gently whisper the circle back  
and it will be old and it will be new.

Then we will breathe our history back to you  
you will feel how strong and alive it is  
and you will feel yourself become a part of it  
And it will shock you at first  
because it is too big to see all at once  
and you won't want to believe it  
you will see how you see us  
and all the disaster in your ways  
how much we lost.

And you will cry and cry and cry  
because we can never be the same again  
but we will cry with you  
and we will see ourselves in this huge mess  
and we will gently whisper the circle back  
and it will be old and it will be new.

*(Much thanks to Rebeka Tabobondung for her poem, first offered for KAIROS reflection in the Ecumenical Worship Service in "Making it Matter," KAIROS, 2011, p.9).*

Leader: We hear. We cry. We learn. We apologize.

**All: We believe. We pray. We hope. We act.**

Leader: God in your mercy, help us whisper the circle back.

**All: So it may be old and it may be new.**

## RESPONDING WITH OUR WHOLE HEARTS

### \*Hymn MV # 79 Spirit, Open My Heart

words Ruth Duck, 1994, Music: traditional melody, Ireland

Sharing the Peace of Christ

Special Music: Dana Lynn Seaborn

Offering our Gifts

Instrumental: Daniel Brandes

Response:

**Your will be done, be done on earth [x3]**

**Your will be done on earth. Your will be done on earth.**

-MV 151 traditional song, South Africa

### Prayers of the People

### Sung Lord's Prayer: VU 959

## GOING OUT TO SERVE

### \*Hymn MV #89 Love Is The Touch

(sung to VU # 642 Irish Trad)

### \*Commissioning and Blessing

### VU # 649 Chorus only - words and music: John S. Rice

Walk with me, I will walk with you

and build a land that God has planned

where Love shines through (repeat until satisfied)

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# James Bay United Church

November 25, 2018



The reconciliation team offers these words of territorial acknowledgement for your thoughtful and prayerful consideration.

*We acknowledge that for thousands of years the Coast Salish, Nuu-chah-nulth and Kwakwaka'wakw peoples have lived, worked and walked gently on the unceded territories where our church community now lives, works and worships. We seek a new relationship with the First Peoples, one based in honour and respect. We thank them for their hospitality.*

**Extending our care in the neighbourhood** -- We're looking for someone to respond to a request of a woman in our neighbourhood, unable to get to church, to deliver copies of bulletin and sermons.

If you would like to share in this, please be in touch with Karen or Doug Lunam, 250-658-6206.

**The Restorative Justice Coalition** at William Head Institution (prison) is presenting a symposium on "Building Community Partnerships for Safe and Effective Re-integration". Panellists will include:

- Trent Mitchell, Warden at William Head Institution;
- Dr. Michael Young, Director, School of Humanitarian Studies & Professor of Justice Studies at RRU;
- Kate Rubin, 2018 Director of William Head on Stage.

Also included will be facilitated circle discussions and time for informal conversations. Information on how to become a volunteer at the prison will be available.

Finger foods will be provided by VanCity Credit Union.

**Date: November 28, 5 to 9 pm (doors open at 4:30)**

Location: Royal Roads University, Learning and Innovation Centre, Room 407, The Centre for Dialogue.

Parking: Lot 3 (ocean side of the castle)

Admission: free, donations appreciated.

**Please register by November 25 by email**

to: [billisrael06@gmail.com](mailto:billisrael06@gmail.com)



### **Christmas Toy Drive**

Help us bring joy to children this season by donating *new* toys for our annual **Christmas Toy Drive**. You can drop off your donation from November 10 to December 15 at 625 Queens Avenue, or at one of our gift wrap booths (Mayfair, Hillside, or Tillicum Shopping Centre).

**Scripture Reader:** Duncan McLean

**Ushers & Greeters:** Sylvia Scott, Cheryl Caldwell and Colleen Nichol

**Cup & Conversation:** Eunice, Raymond, Chris

### **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:** Linda and David, Gary Coburn, Sam and family, Ahmed, Leyla, Laurie, and Judith Brown

### **THIS WEEK AT JAMES BAY UNITED CHURCH:**

**Tuesday, November 27 – OUTREACH**

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

**Tuesday, November 27 – Jazz in the Sanctuary 7-8:30pm**

**Friday, November 30 - JBUC Thrift Shop** Open 10am – 2pm

Your donations are gratefully received

Wednesday, Thursday and Friday 9:00 - 11:30am



### **Saturday, December 1 - MOVIE NIGHT!**

....Along with potluck dinner, 6 p.m. sharp...

For those who enjoy either of these Social activities, we are having a 'friendship potluck' on Sat. Dec. 1st, doors open at 5:30. for drinks & aperitifs...

The movie is 'Arrival', starting at 7:15. A remarkable Canadian film, won 'Best Picture' at 3 film-festivals 2 years ago; a front-runner at the Academy Awards 2017 and winner of 5 awards. For those who know eastern Canada, remarkable scenes, all filmed in the Laurentians. It has a secret sub-plot of 'Peace-on-Earth'.

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

**SEASON OF LISTENING** – this opportunity awaits us to deepen our knowing of one another. We'll gather for 3 Wednesday evenings beginning with a simple supper, followed by engaging in a listening practice in which we pair up, and through the prompt of a question or two, we give the other the room to speak as we listen attentively. November 28, December 5 and 12. Supper will be served at 6pm.

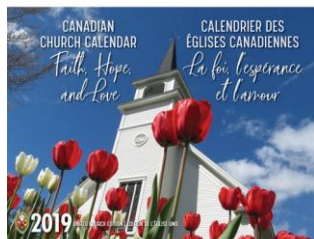


They're back! The **James Bay Children's Chorus** that practices in our sanctuary each Thursday afternoon, are preparing for a **concert on November 29, 4:45 – 5:30**. They, along with a guest musician, will perform in the

sanctuary and we are all invited. Already the choir has grown to 20 choristers, and they are as thrilled with their practice space (inside and out!) as they were last year. This concert is an expression of their gratitude to us.

### 2019 Church Calendars

are ready to pick up in the Church office. Cost is \$5 each.



**Ready for a deeper dive?** into your faith, your life, into connection with others? This small group opportunity may be for you. Meet together (at a time and frequency determined by participants) to reflect on your life, bringing what's unfolding in your life into conversation with your faith. A chance to consider the questions, insights, surprises life is raising about what you believe. An opportunity for spiritual growth within the surround of compassionate friendship. *Facilitated by Karen Dickey*  
**More info: [www.jamesbayunited.com](http://www.jamesbayunited.com)**



### Jazz in James Bay for the neighbourhood!

The people of James Bay United Church are opening the sanctuary of the beautiful heritage building at 511 Michigan on Tuesday evenings for the benefit of our local community. Accessible music venues that you can walk to right in the neighbourhood encourages good mental and spiritual health. And with the help of local jazz legend Kelby MacNayr, we will bring some of the best of the best in the Victoria jazz scene to the heart of James Bay -- A venue without distractions - where the focus is you, the music and the sacred space to listen. Running for six consecutive Tuesday evenings beginning November 6. ***A suggested donation of \$10 (as you are able) will be taken at the door.***

See insert for more information on who's playing this week.

### “ADVENTuring Alongside Angels” ~

Consider coming away on a 2 day retreat, to a place of beauty, companionship and solitude. *Led by Karen Dickey and Cheryl Macpherson*, our time together will be about opening up to Grace in our midst in the ordinary and extraordinary.

We'll gather at the Bethlehem Retreat Centre in Nanaimo **Dec 2, beginning at 3pm, departing after lunch on Dec. 4.**

Car pooling can be arranged. Cost for 2 overnights, 5 meals – \$225 shared accommodation; \$270 individual accommodation.

To register for this event, contact Karen [kdickey@shaw.ca](mailto:kdickey@shaw.ca) 250-592-5931 or Cheryl Macpherson [cheryl\\_macpherson@shaw.ca](mailto:cheryl_macpherson@shaw.ca) 250-665-7544 **THIS WEEK!!**



## Hello Friends of the James Bay Refugee Initiative –

*“You shall also love the stranger, for you were strangers in the land of Egypt” Deuteronomy 10:19*

When you last heard from us it was with a note from Leyla in which she spoke about loving her new life in Victoria, about her gratitude for the ways in which she has been cared for and supported, and the loneliness she experiences living in Victoria when her husband and family are so far away. With that in mind we have begun the work necessary to sponsor Leyla’s husband, Ahmad; a move we see as a continuation of our sponsorship of Leyla.

The re-grouped James Bay Refugee Initiative is composed of four members of the original group and a new member who comes with skills that will be helpful for us as we work towards bringing Ahmad to Victoria. Steve works for the federal government, is familiar with the Middle East, and has experience working with Internally Displaced Persons as part of a UN mission. And more importantly, Steve has a huge heart and wants very much to be part of this process.

Ahmad is eager to join Leyla in Victoria and start their new life together here. To that end, he is taking English lessons at the end of his days working as an embryologist.



Leyla dreams of Ahmad’s arrival, of their making a future here and of one day having children who will be Canadian citizens and will be assured of the peace and security their parents were once denied.

Fundraising is part of what we will be about, of course, and it will be a somewhat easier task since there is still a positive balance in the JBRI account, largely because Leyla is a very good money manager and because she found a full time job before her first year was up.

As before, donations can be made through the church office. If you wish to make a donation you may do so by mailing or dropping off a cheque made out to James Bay United Church (with “**refugee sponsorship**” in the memo line), or through PAR.

Or you might want to make an online donation through CHIMP on the James Bay Refugee Initiative section of the James Bay United Church website –

<https://www.jamesbayunited.com/get-connected/james-bay-refugee-initiative/pages/contact-donation-information>

All donations over \$10 will receive a tax receipt and 100% of donated funds will be used towards the work of the James Bay Refugee Initiative.

If you, or anyone you know, is interested in being part of this continuing work, please speak with Aleksa or Judy.

With thanks,  
Aleksa Harkness  
For the James Bay Refugee Initiative