

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)

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

**We watch this morning
for the light that the darkness has not overcome.
We watch for the fire that was in the beginning
and burns still in the brilliance of the rising sun.
We watch for the glow of life
that gleams in the growing earth
and glistens in sea and sky.
We watch for your light, O God,
in the eyes of every living creature
in the ever-living flame of our own soul.
If the grace of seeing were ours this day
we would glimpse you in all that lives.
Grant us the grace of seeing this day.
Grant us the grace of seeing.
Amen**

*Hymn VU 265 Creating God

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: 2 Kings 6: 8-23

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 138 My Love Colours Outside the Lines

Sharing the Peace of Christ

Offering our Gifts

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

GOING OUT TO SERVE

*Hymn MV 150 Spirit God, Be Our Breath

*Commissioning and Blessing

Dare to let God encourage, dare to let God inspire!

God is making all things new;

the challenge now is ours

Dare to let God ... Dare to let God.

-words and music: Bruce Harding

James Bay United Church

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

October 14, 2018

Things to Think

Think in ways you've never thought before
If the phone rings, think of it as carrying a message
Larger than anything you've ever heard,
Vaster than a hundred lines of Yeats.

Think that someone may bring a bear to your door,
Maybe wounded and deranged: or think that a moose
Has risen out of the lake, and he's carrying on his antlers
A child of your own whom you've never seen.

When someone knocks on the door, think that he's about
To give you something large: tell you you're forgiven,
Or that it's not necessary to work all the time, or that it's
Been decided that if you lie down no one will die.

-Robert Bly

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season of
creation

A Nourishing Day in Nature at Beautiful Mary Lake Nature Sanctuary: A Retreat with Gertie Jocksh

Our busy lives can keep us cut off from nature. During this day we will reconnect and explore the many healing gifts available to us as we surround ourselves in natural beauty. You are invited to experience the interconnectedness and unity of all living things.

Date: Thursday Oct 18 10 am – 5 pm

Cost: \$65 Please do not let cost deter you, call us.

Location: Mary Lake Nature Sanctuary,
1772 Millstream Rd, Victoria

(Do you need a ride or can you offer a ride, please let us know)

Bring lunch, refreshments are served.

Register: programs@earthliteracies.org

250-220-4601/ 250-888-7501



**How to Solve Homelessness
and Address Affordable
Housing in our Region!**

October 9th at 7pm (Free Event)

An evening event with Greater Victoria Mayoral Candidates to engage in solutions to some of the most important issues facing our region.

Hosted by Our Place Society at First Metropolitan Church,
932 Balmoral Road (entrance on Quadra Street).

Our Place Winter Warm Up - Sleeping Bag/Blanket Drive

Our Place needs your help to gather 300 sleeping bags and 500 blankets to assist our community's most vulnerable this winter. In Victoria, please drop off bags and blankets to 919 Pandora Avenue anytime between Oct. 7 and Oct. 13 (Homeless Action Week) or on the West Shore at 94 Talcott Road between 9:00am-4:00pm from Oct. 9 to Oct. 1.

Scripture Reader: Paul Barker

Ushers & Greeters: Sylvia Scott, Cheryl Caldwell

Sunday Brunch: Christine Bodnarchuk, Sylvia Scott, Aleksa Harkness, Irene Fraser, Bev Tracey, Heather Caldwell and Gordon Miller

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:

Sunday, October 14 - There will be a congregational meeting in the lower hall following Sunday service **TODAY!**

Lunch will be served.

Tuesday, October 16 – OUTREACH

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

Wednesday, October 17 - Soulful Wednesdays begins THIS WEEK! for 6 weeks.

simple supper at 5:30

evening prayer at 6:30

series option at 6:45

Choose between **Learning to Meditate with the Bible** (an opportunity to learn some prayer practices that help you listen for the Spirit stirring in your soul) and

Singing our Faith (explore 6 themes at the heart of Christian Faith in dialogue with our own lives and issues of our time ... we won't just talk about these themes but sing them too).

We'll meet in the hall downstairs ... enter off the patio at the back of the building.

Friday, October 19 - JBUC Thrift Shop

Open 10am – 2pm - Your donations are gratefully received
Wednesday, Thursday and Friday 9:00 - 11:30am.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

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*

Free the Voice Thursday October 18, 6:30-9:30 pm in the church hall. A 3 hour immersive workshop where participants explore the voice as an instrument that radiates and resonates from the imagination, body, and movement. A chance to not only discover but to fall in love with your voice. This is a healing practice brought to us by Los Angeles based vocalist, composer, teacher, internationally renowned artist and educator, Odeya Nini. Cost: \$50. Space is limited (20 people). Participants need to book in advance: Daniel Brandes at music.jamesbayunitedchurch@gmail.com or Vanya Smith at jbuchurch@gmail.com More info: www.jamesbayunited.com

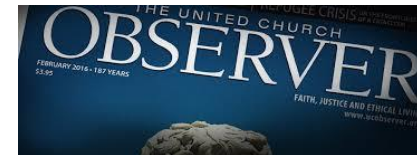
New Expressions of Faith in the 21st Century for those who missed the "Weird Church" book study and for those who participated, a chance to deepen the conversation with the author

Friday, October 26th 7-9pm, Saturday October 27th 9am – 4pm
Sunday, October 28th 1-3pm
\$25/person for the entire weekend, including lunch on Saturday
Each event hosted at Cadboro Bay United Church, 2625 Arbutus Rd. **Register now: victoriapresbytery.org**



With cold, wet weather coming, Cool Aid is in urgent need of donations of gently used rain shells or jackets, umbrellas, socks, underwear, and blankets. These can be dropped off at the Rock Bay Landing shelter on 535 Ellice Street or Sandy Merriman House Women's Shelter on 809 Burdett Avenue. Thank you for caring. Contact information for shelters: (250) 383-1951 (Rock Bay Landing) or (250) 480-1408 (Sandy Merriman). www.CoolAid.org

New in the James Bay United Church library this week: IT'S GOOD TO BE HERE: Stories We Tell About Cancer by David Giuliano, former Moderator of the United Church. This is a courageous and deeply personal book about the author's more than 20 year journey with cancer. It is part memoir, part spiritual meditation in which Giuliano challenges the ubiquitous and one dimensional "battle with cancer" narrative, with alternative narratives about temples, treasure, light, pilgrimage, wolves and love. It is a fiercely honest, at times funny, book about the metaphysics of medicine and the power of story to heal. To see more: <https://davidgiuliano.ca.wordpress.com/>



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