

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.**

- words and music: Jim Strathdee

Opening Prayer

***Hymn VU 333 Love Divine, All Loves Excelling**

SHARING THE GOOD NEWS

Scripture reading: Luke 24: 13-49

God's Word is Life!

All: Thanks be to God

Alleluia!

MV 54 music: Simeí Monteiro

Reflection

Hymn Song of the Body of Christ

Refrain: **We come to share our story,
we come to break the bread,
we come to know our rising from the dead.**

**We come as your people, we come as your own,
united with each other, love finds a home.**

Refrain ...

**We are called to heal the broken, to be hope for the poor,
we are called to feed the hungry at our door.**

Refrain ...

**Bread of life and cup of promise, in this meal we are one.
In our dying and our rising, may your kingdom come.**

Refrain ...

**You will lead and we shall follow,
you will be the breath of life,
Living water, we are thirsting for your light.**

Refrain ...

**We will live and sing your praises. "Alleluia" is our song.
May we live in love and peace our whole life long.**

- words: David Haas; music: traditional Hawaiian

RESPONDING WITH OUR WHOLE HEARTS

Sharing the Peace of Christ

Offering our Gifts

**Take me, God, I give to you everything and all I do --
My love, my life is my offering that I give to you.**

- words and music: Handt Hanson

Great Thanksgiving [see insert]

Communion Songs

**Bread of life, hope of the world, Jesus Christ our Brother:
Feed us now, give us life, lead us toward one another.**

-words and music: Bernadette Farrell

**Bread for the world: a world of hunger.
Wine for all peoples: people who thirst.
May we who eat be bread for others.
May we who drink pour out our love.**

- words and music: Bernadette Farrell

GOING OUT TO SERVE

***Hymn VU 586 We Shall Go Out with Hope of Resurrection**

***Commissioning and Blessing**

*** Amen!**

MV 208 music: Donald Patriquin

James Bay United Church

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

**3rd Sunday of Easter
April 15, 2018**

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Minister: Karen Dickey

Music: Daniel Brandes

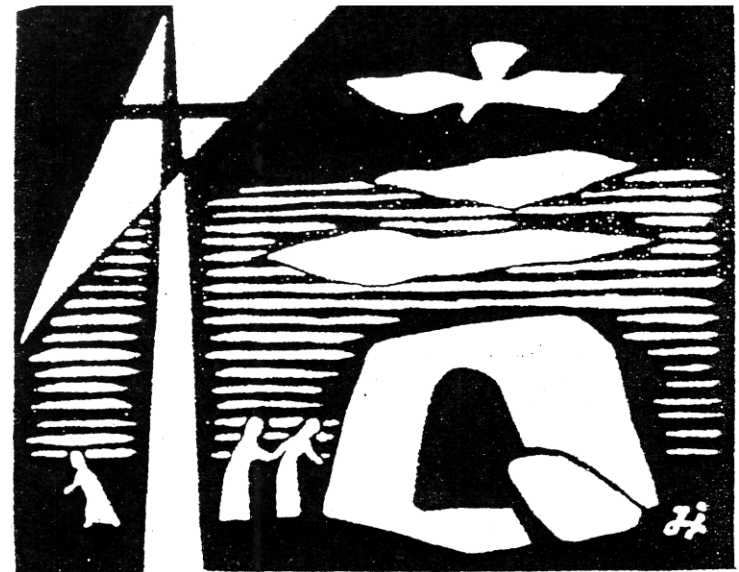
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**Powers of the Universe, Part 2,
with Gertie Jocksch**

6 Tuesdays, April 17, 24, May 1, 8, 15 & 22,
2018 ,10 am – 12 pm| \$85 or \$20 drop in
Brian Swimme's *captivating exploration of
the powers coursing through the Universe
and each of us. Don't miss this extraordinary*

*exploration into the vast Universe, its powers and how they
relate to each of us.*

Location: Friends Meeting House, 1831 Fern St, Victoria

**A Brief History of Ken Wilber: A Friendly Exploration of his
Integral Philosophy with Layman Pascal**

4 Wednesday May 2 - 23 , 7 - 9 pm| \$75 or \$20 drop in

The well-known American philosopher Ken Wilber is a prolific
intellectual powerhouse who has transformed our
understanding of sacred evolutionary philosophy. Local integral
thinker Layman Pascal will take us on a friendly sojourn through
the basic modules of Integral Philosophy.

Location: Friends Meeting House, 1831 Fern St, Victoria
Please do not let the cost deter your attending, ask us about
our scholarship.

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Register: Programs@earthliteracies.org 250-220-
4601 www.earthliteracies.org

Spring has sprung at Our Place and the residents of our
Transitional Housing units are
eager to get growing. Gardening
gloves, trowels and plant pots of
various sizes would be welcome.
And to help our gardeners get up
on time, donations of alarm clocks/clock radios would come in
handy too. Donations gratefully accepted at Our Place
reception, [919 Pandora](http://919Pandora) – please label
“For Housing”. www.ourplacesociety.com



Scripture Reader: Marg Lunam

Ushers & Greeters: Sylvia Scott, Marg Lunam and
Doug Lunam.

Cup & Conversation: Brenda Montgomery and Sylvia Scott

Please remember in prayer: Lori, Ahmed and Leyla,
Kara Anna Mcfadden.

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, April 17 – OUTREACH 9am – 11:30

Location: Front Office Reception

**Weird Church Book Study continues this week with
Chapter 8 and 9.** Tuesday morning, April 17, 10-11:30
or Wednesday evening, April 18, 7-8:30pm

Wednesday, April 18 – Children's Chorus

4:00pm – 5:00pm - Sanctuary

Wednesday, April 18 – A Place To Listen

7:00pm – 9:00pm, Sanctuary

Cathy Fern Lewis (voice) and Christopher Reiche Boucher
(piano) join together to push the boundaries of song featuring
works by Linda Catlin Smith (Canada), Björk (Iceland), and
others. Admission: \$10

Friday, April 20 - JBUC Thrift Shop Open 10am – 2pm
Happy Spring to our wonderful customers! Your donations are
gratefully received Wednesday, Thursday and Friday
9:00 - 11:30am.

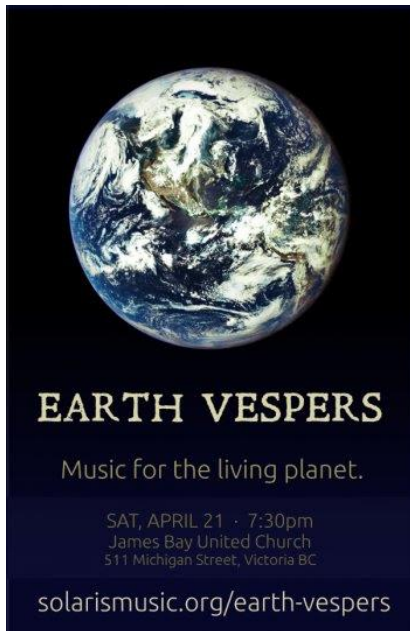
Saturday, April 21 - Church Potluck Dinner and Movie

Lower Hall, Doors open at 5:30pm

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Earth Vespers: Music for the Living Planet

On the eve of Earth Day, The Solaris Project is giving a free evening concert **at the James Bay United Church** celebrating the wonder of our living world, compassion for all who live here, and the interconnectedness of Life.



With fiddles, folk ballads, swingin' roots-rock, saxophones sing-alongs, a cappella anthems and reverential vespers, many genres blend in this musical, magical, meditative service for the living Earth.

Come to the James Bay United Church at 7:30pm, Saturday, April 21st to join us in a mindful, heart-filled celebration of honour and gratitude for the miracle of Life on Mother Earth!

For more information: <http://solarismusic.org/earth-vespers>

About Solaris

The Solaris Project is a collaboration of musicians whose aim in performing, recording, and giving away music is to raise the awareness, consciousness, and response-ability of those playing and listening, and thereby enable right action on behalf of all beings everywhere. Solaris has performed at concert halls, communities, and villages across North America, including at the 2015 Parliament of the World's Religions, the California State capitol building, and churches, temples, and meditation centers around the Pacific Northwest and beyond.

<https://solarismusic.org>

James Bay United Church **Thrift Shop**
Summer Saturdays from 10 till 1,
start May 5 and go through till Labour Day.
Come and see us!
Thanks for spreading the word!



New in the JBUC Library this week

KEEPER 'N ME. This is the debut novel from the late Richard Wagamese. When Garnet Raven comes home to his reserve he's a grown man. But he knows nothing about his Ojibway roots. He's taken under the wing of Keeper, a former drunk, who has become the local knowledge keeper and holder of the sacred Water drum. Together, in wryly humorous fashion, Keeper introduces Garnet to the spiritual ways of his people. Garnet discovers that home is a truth you carry inside you.

Our minister, Karen Dickey, is available for conversation!

Maybe you wish to know more about James Bay United, or maybe you've been walking around with a question or an idea and it's time to engage it a little more, or perhaps you'd value getting to know Karen and her to know you, *whatever!* ... just know Karen would WELCOME the connection. To set up a time and place, speak to her in person or jot a note kdickey@shaw.ca or phone [250 384 5821](tel:2503845821).

Finding a home for your heart here at James Bay United Church?

Some people choose to take the step of becoming a member as a way of outwardly saying YES! to what they are already experiencing inside – a spiritual awakening or re-awakening; a desire to grow in faith, in hope and in love; an eagerness to be part of helping this congregation be home for the hearts of others. If this speaks to you, please speak to Karen to talk more about the why and what and how of membership.

Great Thanksgiving

The Holy One is here!

God's Spirit is with us!

Let us open our hearts.

Let us celebrate Christ in our midst.

Let us give thanks. **All our thanks! All our praise!**

We do give you thanks wondrous God
for in the beginning when the earth was a formless void
and darkness covered the face of the deep,
your Spirit moved, brooding over the watery chaos.

**You said "light!" and there was light! You brought forth a
universe of beauty and mystery, a world wild with the
wisdom of interconnection.**

And yet, through the ages, the world has known deep darkness.
Greed and ignorance, fear and futility have torn the web of
relationships. **Even so, you have not left us to
ourselves.**

You send us prophets and poets. **You speak to us in dreams.**
You give us visions. **You raise up leaders.**

In the fullness of time, through that young girl Mary, you brought
your son Jesus into the world. **In him we have come to see
your face and know your desire.** In him we are given to see
our worth, and trust the truth of your love. **In him we are
assured not even deepest darkness will overcome your
power for life.**

And so, with all that is seen and unseen, with all the faithful of
every time and place, we join our voices to sing your
praise:

**O holy, holy, holy, God, O God of time and space. All earth
and sea and sky above bear witness to your grace.
Hosanna in the highest heav'n, creation sings your praise.
And blessed is the one who comes, and bears your name
always!**

On the night of his arrest, Jesus shared a meal with his friends.
As he lifted the bread to bless it, it was as though his whole life
was gathered up in that loaf. He thanked you. "My body," he
said, breaking it to share with his friends. "Eat this. Let it
become part of you. Do this in the awareness that I am with
you."

**Then he lifted the cup ... as though it was brimming with
his whole life. "My life is poured out for the forgiveness of
sin," he said. "I am the vine, you are the branches. Apart
from me you can do nothing. Drink this all of you. Remain
in my love."**

We hold in the light of your love those who come to our minds
right now in need of your healing grace. God of all life, hear the
prayers of our hearts

...

Pour out your Spirit upon us, and upon these gifts.
Make us one with Christ and one in love for you and the
whole creation, that our lives may proclaim the mystery of
faith:

**Christ has died, Christ is risen,
Christ will come again.**

In this hope and as your people we praise you, now
and forever ... Lord's Prayer [VU 959]