

St. James United Church

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A Community of Friends in Faith



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We have Scent-Sensitive Concerns

Today's bulletin is dedicated in loving memory of

Irene Tucker

January 28, 1926 – February 1, 2011

From husband Walter,

Daughters Marilyn and Linda and families.

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Epiphany 1V/Week of Prayer for Christian Unity

Minister:	Rev. Bill Bartlett
Minister of Visitation/MUN Chaplain	Rev. Pamela Jones-Fitzgerald
C.E. Lay Minister:	Susan Sheppard
Organist/Choir Director:	Philip Roberts
Assistant Organist:	Allan Morgan
Reader:	Karen Brown

Organ Prelude/Welcome:

Introit:

Call To Worship: (responsive)

L: Why do you come here?

P: We come to worship our God.

L: By whose authority do you do this?

P: We gather in the name of Jesus, the Christ, the One who has called us, to be united in God's Spirit.

L: How will you do this?

P: We will sing. We will pray. We will tell the stories of how the world came to be. But, most of all, we will love – our God, our neighbor, and ourselves.

L: Be welcome here. May God be with you.

P: And also with you!

Prayer of Approach: (unison)

God Eternal, as we are bound in the tangles of our times, we need some time with you. As we are chafing for freedom and grace, we yearn for your liberating touch upon our souls. As we are embarrassed by our own follies, compounded by our self-deception, we need to have you reform us and restore us and make us truly children of the Most High. This is how we come to you, in such need, and in great hope that today we may hear and see your presence with us. Amen.



Hymn: God Who Gives to Life Its Goodness 260

Time with the children

Hymn: I Danced in the Morning 352

Prayer of Confession: (unison)

Life-giving God, you touch our lives with healing and renewal, and yet we live as if we are static. Even in the midst of change, we cling to the familiar and hesitate to embrace new life. Heal our faltering and forgive our reluctance, we pray. Amen.

Words of Assurance

L: Lord, in this moment, you touch our hearts and your grace fills us with healing. The deceptions that clouded our judgment are gone. Once more we are a free people, with hearts open to love and spread the Good News.

All: You are with us; thanks be to God!

Life and Work of St. James:

Offertory Invitation: (unison)

Outreach and restoration are our call to ministry. Today we offer our offerings for the good of community, for the joy of knowing that someone cares, and in hope that all will know that someone cares. Amen.

Offering:

Offertory Hymn: Spirit of Life 381



Offertory Prayer: (unison)

Where we see scarcity, you see abundance, O God. Where we see limits, you see possibility. Where we see endings, you see beginnings. Where we doubt, you bring hope. Open our hearts, Gracious God, to know gratitude for your abundance in our lives, and to share hope and abundance with others. Amen.

Responsive Reading: Psalm 111 833
The fear of God is the beginning of wisdom

Epistle: 1 Corinthians 8: 1-13
Concerning food offered to idols

Anthem:

Gospel: Mark 1: 21-28
The man with the unclean spirit is healed



Hymn: Come to My Heart 661

Sermon:

Pastoral Prayer/The Lord's Prayer:

Hymn: Precious Lord, Take My Hand 670

Commissioning: (responsive)

L: Go into the world: dance, laugh, sing, and create.
P: We go with the assurance of your blessing, O God.
L: Go into the world: risk, explore, discover, and love.
P: We go with the assurance of your grace, O God.
L: Go into the world: believe, hope, struggle, and remember.
P: We go with the assurance of your love, O God.
All: Thanks be to God!

Benediction:

May the God who dances in creation, who embraces us with human love, who shakes our lives like thunder, bless us and drive us out with power, to fill the world with healing and justice.

Organ Postlude:

Usher in Charge: Dave Hapgood

Greeters: Kevin and Marilyn Pardy

Ushers: Janice Winsor Linda Babstock
Dorothy Hapgood Ross and Betty Pilgrim
Wayne, Michelle, Maggie and Sophie Skinner