

St. James United Church

April 29, 2012

11:00

Fourth Sunday of Easter

Minister: Rev. Bill Bartlett
Minister of Visitation: Rev. Pamela Jones-Fitzgerald
C.E. Lay Minister: Susan Sheppard
Organist/Choir Director: Philip Roberts
Assistant Organist: Allan Morgan
Scripture Reader: Maxine Rose

Organ Prelude:

Welcome:

Introit: Be Still and Know

Call To Worship: (responsive)

L: People of St. James congregation, hear the word of God and tell it to all who are isolated.

P: **God is gathering us again. Sing with gladness and shout with joy.**

L: As Jesus was the Word of God's grace to us in the beginning, let us be a word of peace to the stranger and a welcome home to those who are lost, lonely, or abandoned.

P: **Come home and rejoice! Let God make us whole, all of us together in the one Body of Christ.**

Prayer of Approach: (unison)

Divine Weaver, take the fragmented threads of our lives and work wonders wanting in this world. When weary with wild ways wondering at the world's unraveling, weave us back to the centre, shelter us in the cleft of the rock, shepherd us by still waters. Great weaver of life, spinner of life's yarns, our measured time is in your hands. Take the patchwork pieces of our lives; enfold them in your sweet comfort. For in you we live and move and have our being. In you is comfort and joy evermore. Amen.

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Head Ushers: Jack and Florence Head
Greeters: Peter and Shirley Barbour
Ushers: Oliver Wellon
Linda Babstock
Bruce Hunt

These are the most recent figures as brought to us from the Finance Committee. Please note the deficit that we have incurred thus far.

St. James United Church Income Statement Jan – Mar 2012 compared to 2011

	2012	2011	Budget
Revenue			
Collections	52,812.03	60,623.06	62,641.67
Rentals	7,350.00	6,532.50	1,111.11
Other	<u>14,116.00</u>	<u>7,006.50</u>	<u>9,125.00</u>
Total Revenue	<u>74,278.03</u>	<u>74,162.06</u>	<u>72,877.78</u>
Expenses			
Heat	12,460.21	10,182.69	6,250.00
Church Expenses	23,295.29	15,546.70	14,222.22
Assessments/Donations	4,848.15	3,230.00	4,852.50
Committees	1,777.52	4,432.50	7,612.50
Salaries	<u>57,435.51</u>	<u>55,160.99</u>	<u>60,660.00</u>
Total Expenses	<u>99,816.68</u>	<u>88,552.88</u>	<u>93,597.22</u>
Net Income	-25,538.65	-14,390.82	-20,719.44

Hymn: Jesus Calls Us 562

Time with the Children:

Hymn: The King of Love 273

Prayer of Confession: (unison)

Holy God, in earth, sea and sky, you are there; in everything we touch; in everyone we meet; your presence is 'round us, and we give you thanks. You we have not touched, but trampled, in creation; you we have not met, but missed, in one another; you we have not received, but rejected, in the poor. Forgive us.

Words of Assurance:

No matter where we are, God is there. No matter what we have done, God forgives. No matter our reluctance to accept God, God has accepted us. With that assurance, receive forgiveness, and live in fullness and in hope.

Offertory Invitation: (unison)

As we come to present our offerings at this table, we remember God's generous hospitality. Our calling is to feed those dismissed from the world's tables, that they may no longer feel hungry or alone.

Offering: Gifts in My Heart UCW

Offertory Hymn: Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow 541

Offertory Prayer: (unison)

God of all peoples and God of all places, we present these offerings, that they may be used to extend your liberating reign. With them, we offer our varied ministries, that each of us may be part of your answer to the cries of the world. Amen.

Life and Work at St. James:

Prayer of Illumination: (unison)

Loving God, you speak to us in so many ways: in the song of a bird, in the babbling of a brook, in the voices of our friends, in the hug from Mom or Dad, in the songs we sing, and in the stories of the Bible. Speak to us now through the reading of scripture. Help us to hear your voice and follow the way of Jesus. Amen.

Hebrew Scripture: Psalm 23 749
God is my shepherd.

Epistle: 1 John 3: 16-24
Let us love, not in word or speech, but in truth and action.

Anthem: The Lord is My Shepherd UCW

Gospel: John 10: 11-18
Jesus is the good shepherd.

Hymn: Take My Life and Let It Be 506

Sermon:

Pastoral Prayer and The Lord's Prayer:

Hymn: All the Way My Saviour Leads Me 635

Commissioning: (responsive)

L: Go out to spread the friendship of Jesus Christ.

P: **We will care for the downtrodden, and befriend the lonely. We will support those who are challenged, and make time for the troubled ones. We will invite the spiritual seekers, and welcome the newcomer.**

L: God, your friend, goes with you.

Choral Benediction: Let There be Love UCW

Benediction:

Organ Postlude:

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