

Today's bulletin is dedicated in loving memory of

Lester Lewis
From the family

St. James United Church

April 8, 2012
8:30 a.m.

Minister:
C.E. Lay Minister:
Minister of Visitation:
Organist/Sr. Choir Director:
Assistant Organist:



Rev. Bill Bartlett
Susan Sheppard
Rev. Pamela Jones-Fitzgerald
Philip Roberts
Allan Morgan

Easter Proclamation

In the story of Easter, God raised Jesus from death to life, the women from fear to witness, and the disciples from scattering to home-gathering. This joyous morning as we share communion together we also recognize God's promise of life. Thanks be to God!

Organ Prelude:

Introit: Joy Comes With The Dawn 166

Call To Worship:

L: We wondered as he broke bread and blessed the cup.
C: **But now our eyes are opened.**
L: We slept when he called us to tarry with him in the garden.
C: **But now our ears are opened.**
L: We stood silent as he was falsely accused.
C: **But now our tongues are loosed.**
L: We wept as he was crucified.
C: **But now our hearts are lifted.**
L: For we went to the tomb at sunrise, but He was not there.
C: **Jesus Christ is risen today! Hallelujah!**
Through our worship, we shout thanks be to God who gives us victory.

Hymn: Christ The Lord Is Risen Today 157

Commissioning:

L: As we leave this place, we return to the ordinary world, but are filled with extraordinary news to share. God's grace has entered our lives. Christ's love frees us! The Spirit moves among us and through us! God is always with us, this day and every day. Alleluia! Amen!
C: **He is risen indeed! Alleluia!**

Benediction:

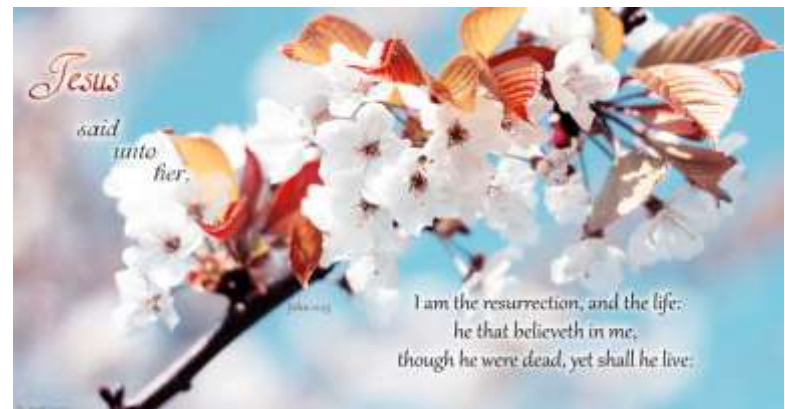
Organ Postlude:

Resources for the worship service taken from GATHERINGS & Celebrate God's Presence.

Head Ushers: Jack and Florence Head
Ushers: Cecil and Audrey Templeman

We wish you the spiritual blessings of Easter. May the Risen Christ find a place in your life this Easter season.

Join us for our service of Celebration at 11:00 a.m.



Prayer of Approach: *(unison)*

Surprise us, God, with your spirit. In a city where many face uncertainty, hunger, and homelessness-surprise us with compassion. In a country where resources are plentiful, yet too often we are unaware of the need to protect the environment, surprise us with foresight. In a church where views are diverse and the challenges are many, surprise us with opportunities to be faithful in our response. Too often, God, we hesitate to live with the hope of resurrection and instead are weighed down by the many burdens that we carry. Give us reason to be animated by your hope and surprised by your joy. We praise you for good news of the resurrection. Amen.

Hymn: Morning Has Broken 409

Life and Work of St. James:

Offertory Invitation:

Offertory Prayer: *(unison)*

May the work that these gifts support call many people forth from the tombs of sorrow and despair where they have been sealed away and forgotten by the world, for the sake of Jesus who came to save the world. Amen.

Offertory: Stay With Us Through The Night 182

Offertory Hymn: Praise God from Whom All Blessings... 541

Responsive Psalm: Psalm 118 *(parts 1, 2, & 3)* 837

Anthem: Who Is There On This Easter Morning

The Gospel: Mark 16:1-9

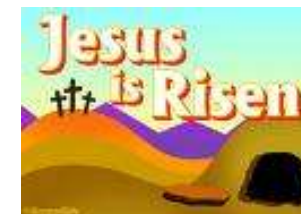
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Sacrament of Holy Communion

Communion Hymn: As We Gather At Your Table 457

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L: Strength is renewed in us,
C: Pardon is received by us,
L: Christ's peace is sent to us,
C: We celebrate this joyful Easter morn.
L: Hallelujah, thanks and praise, ever-living God, worker of wonders, maker of miracles, author of all life and giver of life eternal! Out of chaos and fear you bring beauty and hope. Out of despair and death you create courage and new life. And so, with the risen Christ, who makes all things new by the power of his resurrection, we join in the song of a new day, to sing your praise:



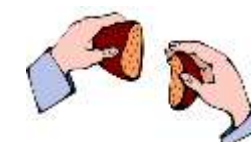
Sanctus and Benedictus: (sung)

Holy, Holy, Holy, Lord
God of power and might.
Holy, Holy, Holy, Lord God of power and might.
Heav'n and earth are full, full of your glory.
Hosanna in the highest, hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord.
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Breaking the Bread and Pouring of the Wine:

Invitation to the Table:

Sharing the Bread and Cup: *(By Intinction)*



Prayer after Communion: *(unison)*

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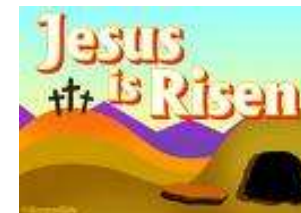
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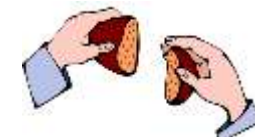
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