

St. James United Church

June 10, 2012

11:00 a.m.

87th Anniversary of Church Union/Memorial Hymn Sing

Minister:	Rev. Bill Bartlett
Minister of Visitation:	Rev. Pamela Jones-Fitzgerald
C.E. Lay Minister:	Susan Sheppard
Organist/Choir Director:	Dr. Philip Roberts
Assistant Organist:	Allan Morgan
AOTS and UCW Choirs:	Doreen Brown

“Celebrating Lives With Love”

Organ Prelude:

Welcome:

Introit: Great Is Thy Faithfulness Senior Choir

Call To Worship:

At a family celebration, we often tell stories and reminisce as a way of remembering who we are and where we've been. We're going to do that now, giving thanks to God for being with us all the way – “in life, in death, in life beyond death.” Let's begin by going all the way back to 1925 and one of the hymns sung at the inaugural service of the United Church of Canada - “All People That on Earth Do Dwell.” As we sing, imagine four processions – the Presbyterians, the Methodists, the Union Churches, and the Congregationalists – meeting at the entrance of the Mutual Street Arena in Toronto and mixing together as they enter the arena for the very first worship service of the United Church of Canada.

Prayer of Approach: (responsive)

L: Come to us, Holy God, as we gather before you;
P: **encircle us with your love.**
L: Bless us with your sustaining presence;
P: **surround us with your grace.**
L: Draw us 'round your living Word,
P: **and bind us to one another as disciples of Christ,**
L: whose Spirit is in our midst.
P: **Amen.**

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Benediction: (unison)

May the Spirit of life be with us; giving us the peace of acceptance and understanding; giving us the assurance of things that never die. Those things that pass from each person, through generations, into eternity. Especially Love. In the spirit of love we have gathered. In the spirit of love we close this celebration of keeping people precious to us forever alive in memory.

Choral Benediction: What a Day That Will Be!

AOTS

Organ Postlude:

Resources for the worship service taken from Celebrate God's Presence and In Memoriam, Edward Searl.

Head Usher: Michelle and Wayne Skinner

Ushers: Maggie Skinner
Michelle Skinner
Wayne Skinner
Sophia Skinner
Stephen Butt
Michelle Butt
Sophie Butt
Gregory Butt
Margaret Butt

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Hymn of Praise: All People That on Earth Do Dwell 822

Offertory Invitation: (unison)

Music and laughter, hands and minds, curiosity and compassion: what an abundance of gifts we have! All these gifts are symbolized in our offering. Let us commit ourselves in service, as we worship God with our offering.

Offertory: Near to the Heart of God UCW

Offertory Hymn: Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow 541

Offertory Prayer: (unison)

Ever-present God, with this offering, we present also ourselves: all that we have been, all that we are, and all that we shall become, and our resolve to walk in your way. Accept us and our offering, we pray for Jesus' sake. Amen.

Life and Work at St. James:

AFFIRMATION

A human life is sacred.
It is sacred in its being born.
It is sacred in its living.
It is sacred in its dying.

Candle of Life

Hymn: Amazing Grace 266

Candle of Memory

Hymn: How Great Thou Art 238

Candle of Community

Anthem: Here I Am, Lord Senior Choir

Hymn: Jesus, You Have Come to the Lakeshore 563

Candle of Grief

Scripture: Isaiah 61: 1-3

Hymn: All the Way My Saviour Leads Me 635

Anthem: *I Won't Have to Cross Jordan Alone* AOTS

Candle of Joy

Hymn: This Is God's Wondrous World 296

Candle of Thanksgiving

Anthem: *In the Quiet Curve of Evening* UCW

Hymn: What a Friend We Have in Jesus 664

Candle for the Mystery of Life and Death

Pastoral Prayer:

Lord's Prayer:

Hymn: In the Bulb There Is a Flower 703

Candle of Love

Scripture: Revelations 21: 1-4

Hymn: I See a New Heaven 713