

P: May we seek justice, love kindness as together we walk humbly with our God.

Benediction:

And as you go forth from this place today, take with you the blessing of the God of Micah and Miriam. Take with you the Blessing of Jesus our Christ, who walks with us. And take with you the blessing of the Holy Spirit who leads us on into the future. Go now in Peace. Amen.

Organ Postlude:

Today's worship was prepared by the GC 41 Worship Planning Committee.



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WE HAVE SCENT-SENSITIVE CONCERNS

Today's bulletin is dedicated in loving memory of
Jacob Parsons
From his wife Effie, sons Derek and Donald, and families.

St. James United Church

August 12, 2012

11:00 a.m.

Minister:	Rev. Bill Bartlett
Minister of Visitation:	Rev. Pamela Jones-Fitzgerald
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Organist/Choir Director:	Dr. Philip Roberts
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Organ Prelude:

Welcome:

Introit:

Call To Worship: (responsive)

L: Be still and know I am God.

P: **Be still and know I am God.**

Moment of Silence:

Prayer of Approach:

Eternal God, we know that we are not alone. We share your breath of life with all creatures and with our brothers and sisters who are also made in your image. We know that the abundant life with which we have been blessed, is your will for all of creation. We cannot lay claim to your gifts or truly benefit from your creation without also seeking your justice. We recognize that to exercise power over people or things, to exploit them or abuse them for our personal well-being is to transgress the covenant by which you made us co-creators with you of a new heaven and a new earth. By the power of your Spirit at work in us and among us, make us receptive to your call. May we always live

Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest.

L: And we come to this table to remember how you became human under the name of Jesus. Who, on the night when his name was betrayed, shared food and wine with those he loved. He took bread, sign of health and life, broke it and shared it with them naming it as his body. And he took a cup of wine, sign of celebration and joy, shared it with them naming it as his blood that would be spilled. We come here to do the same in memory of Jesus Christ. Come, Spirit of God, move over these signs of life and celebration, this bread and wine, that we may take them as your body and blood. As we stand around this table, may we be your people, committed to your kingdom whose name is justice, peace, and love.

P: **Amen.**

Lord's Prayer

Institution Narrative

Distribution of the Elements

Post Communion Prayer: (unison)

For the bread we have eaten, for the juice we have tasted, for the life we have received, we thank you, God. Grant that what we have done and have been given here may so put its mark upon us that it may remain always in our hearts. Grant that we may become mature Christians that ours may be a faith which issues into action; through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Hymn: Go to the World

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Commissioning:

L: Friends, you have been commissioned with the Ministry of Jesus Christ. So rise up! Get to it!

according to what you require of us: seeking justice, loving kindness, and walking humbly with you. May we offer lives as partners in your creative work, for your greater glory and the transformation of the world. Amen.

Hymn: Psalm 100 (Make a Joyful Noise) 820

Time With The Children:

Hymn: The Church Is Wherever God’s People 579

Life and Work at St. James:

Offertory Invitation:

In our thanksgiving and gratitude let us make our offering to the Mission and Service Fund and to the ministry of this congregation.

Offertory:

Offertory Hymn: We Give Thee But Thine Own 543

Hebrew Scripture: Micah 6: 8

Gospel: Luke 4: 14-24

Meditation: *To Love Kindness*

Hymn: Lord Jesus, You Shall Be My Song 641

Prayer of Confession: (unison)

From throughout this nation and beyond we gather, bringing with us the rich diversity of our lives as well as the baggage of prejudice, stupidity and greed. We admit to you and to each other that we are unfair and unjust to our neighbours. In our worldly economy, the rich get richer while the poor sink more deeply into indebtedness. We lack the compassion that produces justice. We are disloyal; we put our petty, selfish desires ahead of your yearning for the planet's

wellbeing. We take our wishes seriously, while ignoring the needs of our fellow creatures, forgetting your passion for abundant life for the earth and all her life-forms. We need your forgiveness, Holy Creator, to soften our hard hearts and open our rigid minds. Fill us, we pray, with your Spirit, and tune us to your intention for creation, so that we live as changed and loving people, in the name of Jesus, your beloved and anointed child. Amen.

Assurance of Pardon:

Listen! Put arms and legs to your prayers. Live as forgiven people destined to enlighten the world with God's light. You already have the kingdom of God in your core and community, so share it with that part of the world that you can touch, Amen.

Communion Hymn: We Gather Here 469

Sacrament of Holy Communion

The Great Thanksgiving (responsive)

L: Life up your hearts.

P: **We life them to the Lord.**

L: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

P: **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

L: God of many names, we thank you for all that you are and for all that you do in the world. As Creator you made all things and are continually creating. As Father and Mother you nurture and sustain us. As the One Holy Trinity, you invite us to dance with you to the lilt of life and time. And through Christ, you have named us as your adopted children. Therefore, with all your people, in every time and place we sing the triumphant hymn of your glory:

Sanctus and Benedictus (spoken)

**Holy, holy, holy Lord,
God of power of life and might
Heaven and earth are full of your glory.**