

The Lord's Prayer:

Hymn: Lord You Give the Great Commission 512

Closing Prayer: (responsive)

L: With friends across the country let us say:

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

L: Be still and know I am.

P: **Be still and know.**

L: Be still.

P: **Be.**

Moment Of Silence:

Benediction:

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
Dugald Bowering
From his wife Jean.

"God's involvement in our lives should reassure us of His love."

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11:00 a.m.

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

Organ Prelude:

Welcome:

Introit:

Call To Worship:

Friends, as we worship today, we ask for the presence of the Spirit that reaches to the four corners of our country and beyond, we ask for the presence of Jesus our Christ in whom we find justice and loving kindness, and we ask for the presence of God, who we follow humbly.

Opening Prayer:

Holy God, we give thanks for the 41st General Council and the learning that has taken place. As the General Council disbands, may those who were there take with them lessons that were learned, the faith that was shared and the hope that was instilled to their own pastoral charges and places of ministry, presbyteries, districts, and conference circles. Loving God, as a space was created to let your Spirit in, commissioners and others found themselves filled with passion that spilled out in songs of praise, in laughter and tears, in worship and debate. May the consensus building decisions made this week bring You glory. May the friendships built last a lifetime and may all who have gathered return home safely,

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- L: We thank you for the rich diversity of our neighbours, our families, our church and that there is no limit to what we can learn and discover about creation.
- P: We thank you for making yourself tangible to us in the beauty, the savagery, the creativity, the ferocity, the magnificence and the wonder of the world.**
- L: We thank you for the people who inhabit this planet with us. Those like us and those who are different.
- P: We thank you for brilliant and inventive minds, for simple and gentle hearts, for people who create laughter and for those who help us cry.**
- L: We thank you for those who bring change, and for those who maintain ancient values of truth and goodness in our vast United and uniting church.
- P: We thank you for people of wisdom, who challenge us to reach toward your kingdom with courage and persistence.**
- L: We thank you for our sisters and brothers with feathers, fins and fur, who share in the life you give, and like us, return to your earth when life and breath cease.
- P: What we do, O God, to the least of these, is also what we do to, for, and with you. Strengthen us to do love and compassion, to treasure even the weeds we yank from the ground because they share in your energy.**
- L: Bless us, we pray, with the wisdom to bless and cherish all life. Help us remember that all living beings survive on the death of other beings, and help us give and receive life with intense gratitude.
- P: Let our gratitude be expressed in justice and compassion so that the clothing we wear, the food we eat, the shelter in which we live, the machines and implements we use, may all be treated with profound respect and appreciation.**
- L: Help us remember that you, Creator, have chosen to be part of creation, have chosen to be humanly embodied in Jesus, and have chosen to spark every molecule and atom with your energy. There is nothing on earth that is less than holy, even though there are many things we use for unholy purposes.
- P: Let peace begin with us and infect your universe, in the name of Jesus, who teaches us to pray to you, Our Mother and.....**

renewed with passion to celebrate your presence. Amen.

Hymn: Joyful, Joyful 232

Time With The Children:

Hymn: He's Got the Whole World in His Hands

He's got the whole world in his hands,
He's got the big round world in his hands,
He's got the whole world in his hands,
He's got the whole world in his hands.

He's got the wind and the rain in his hands,
He's got the sun and the moon in his hands,
He's got the wind and the rain in his hands,
He's got the whole world in his hands.

He's got the tiny little baby in his hands,
He's got the big round world in his hands,
He's got the tiny little baby in his hands,
He's got the whole world in his hands.

He's got you and me, brother, in his hands,
He's got the big round world in his hands,
He's got you and me, sister, in his hands,
He's got the whole world in his hands.

He's got everybody in his hands,
He's got the big round world in his hands,
He's got everybody in his hands,
He's got the whole world in his hands.

Life and Work at St. James:

Offertory Invitation:

In thanksgiving for all that God has given us, in a hope filled symbol of our faith, let us embody our gratitude in the offering of our hands, our hearts and ourselves for the work of our church in this community and throughout the world. Your offering will now be received.

Offertory:

Offertory Hymn: Praise God From Whom All Blessings Flow 541

Offertory Prayer:

Gracious and loving God, may these offerings be harbingers of hope, leading us into the future of faith with the guidance of your Spirit as we continue to walk along the road with Jesus, in whose name we pray. Amen.

Hebrew Scripture: Isaiah 55:1-8

Responsive Psalm: Psalm 139 861

Solo: Gemma Johnson

Epistle: 1 Corinthians 1:18-21, 25-30

Gospel: Luke 18:9-14

Hymn: Precious Lord, Take My Hand 670

Meditation:

Prayers of the People: (responsive)

L: We thank you, God, for the stirrings of affection and compassion that we feel in our being.

P: We thank you that we see your steadfast love in every part of creation, in the living entities of the world, and in soil, rock, air and water.