

This bulletin is dedicated in loving memory of
Eric and Winnie Parsons
 from Tom, Louise and family.

St. James United Church

March 31, 2013, 11am

Easter Sunday

Minister:	Rev. Bill Bartlett
Minister of Visitation/MUN Chaplain:	Rev. Pamela Jones-Fitzgerald
Minister of Youth/Christian Education:	Susan Sheppard
Organist/Choir Director:	Dr. Philip Roberts
Assistant Organist:	Gillian Burry
Choir:	Senior

Organ Prelude

Welcome

Introit: *The Joyful Eastertide*

Call To Worship: (responsive) Please see the back of bulletin.

Prayer of Approach (unison)

God of uprisings, God of the rising sun, the rising tide, the rising wind, the rising mist, the rising crocuses, you have raised Jesus from the dead, raising our hopes to the skies, opening up glorious new possibilities for our living, for our dying, for our living again. Raise us to new life here and now, that we may walk in faith and love every day; in Jesus' name, we pray. Amen.

Hymn: This Is the Day 412

Time with the children

Commissioning:

Go tell that Christ has risen, that God has broken death.
Go speak of your joy in a world of fear and doubt.
Go out into the world with a daring love, and all that you do, do it in love, as children of God.

Choral Benediction: Because You Live, O Christ

Organ Postlude

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Help Us To Help You

<input type="checkbox"/> Sickness	<input type="checkbox"/> Call from Minister	<input type="checkbox"/> Visitor
<input type="checkbox"/> Envelopes	<input type="checkbox"/> Request for Membership	<input type="checkbox"/> Change of Address

Name: _____

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Hymn: This Is the Day That God Has Made 175

Offertory Invitation: (unison)

God raised Jesus to say “Yes” to life. In our culture we often dance gingerly around the story, being hung up on logic, rationally dissecting it. Instead, this morning let us dance with the Resurrected Lord of Easter. Let us live as Easter people and offer our very lives to God, along with our monetary gifts.

Offering: *Hail, Glad Festival Day*

Offertory Hymn: Dance in the Spirit 156 MV

Dance with the Spirit early in the morning,
walk with the Spirit throughout the long day.
Work and hope for the new life a-born-in,
listen to the Spirit to show you the way.

Offertory Prayer: (unison)

O God, we are filled with hope on this Easter Sunday as we celebrate Christ’s rising from the dead. May our offerings be signs of hope for the broken in our world. May our offerings help to give new life to those who suffer from abuse, sickness, death, and poverty. May our offerings help to raise people from the ashes of their lives so that they, too, may tell the story of a God of new beginnings. Amen.

Life and Work at St James

Prayer of Confession:

All: Whatever stands between us and renewed life, banish, O God. Whatever we can do to renew your world, we will do. O God. Whatever it takes to a part of the renewal of your church, we will support, O God. Whatever we can be involved in to end suffering and injustice, we will do, O God.

L: New life is ours through Easter faith.

All: Thanks be to God!

Words of Assurance:

In the gentleness of spring, a hope is reborn. Snow melts. Temperatures start to warm and ice bergs start to drift along our shores. We see the hope held fast all winter arrive. In the gentleness of spring, Easter’s hope is reborn. Empty tomb. Christ risen. Death conquered. The hope of eternal life and forgiveness of sin arrive.

Thanks be to God for spring’s hope announced for all the world!

The Word of God

Hebrew Scripture: Isaiah 65: 17-25
A new heaven and earth

Responsive Reading: Psalm 118: 1-4, 14-24 837 Parts 1, 2 & 3
God is my strength and my song

Epistle: Acts 10: 34-43
Peter preaches at the house of Cornelius

Anthem: *Christ is Alive*

Gospel: Luke 24: 1-12
The women report the tomb is empty.

Hymn: Thine Is the Glory 173

Sermon

Prayers of the People

The Lord’s Prayer

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