

# St. James United Church

April 21, 2013

11:00 am

## EASTER 4/MEMORIAL HYMN SING

Minister:	Rev. Bill Bartlett
Minister of Visitation/MUN Chaplain	Rev. Pamela Jones-Fitzgerald
Minister of Youth/Christian Education:	Susan Sheppard
Organist:	Dr. Philip Roberts
Assistant Organist/ Choir Director:	Gillian Burry
Choirs:	UCW, Youth, AOTS & Senior
Choir Directors:	Doreen Brown
Guitar Group Directors:	Herb & Marjorie Carruthers

### *"Remembering In Song"*

#### Organ Prelude

#### Welcome

**Introit:** *Spirit of the Living God* Combined Choirs

#### Call To Worship:

(L) God calls us, and we respond; Christ leads us, and we are to follow; the Spirit beckons us, and we are urged to enter into new life.

**(All) We come to this Memorial Hymn Sing, remembering loved ones and worshiping the God of life and laughter, hope and anticipation, peace and wholeness.**

#### Prayer of Approach (unison)

All praise to you, O God, Great Shepherd of the sheep. You refresh us with living water and guide us in right paths. You nourish us like a hostess whose table is laden with abundance. As we celebrate in song, soften our hearts, expand our minds, set free our spirits, open our hands, that we might be filled with your love and strengthened to spread that love around; through Jesus the Christ, to whom, with you and the Spirit, one Holy God, be honour and praise, now and forever. Amen.

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**Anthem:** Does Jesus Care?

UCW Choir

**Hymn:** What A Friend We Have in Jesus

664

### *The Gift of Eternal Life*

**Scripture:** John 10: 22-30  
*My sheep listen to my voice.*

#### Pastoral Prayer & Lord's Prayer

**Hymn:** In the Bulb There Is a Flower

703

#### 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.

**Coral Benediction:** My Peace

#### Organ Postlude

Resources for worship service taken from *Gathering, Lent Easter 2013 & Worship For All Seasons II*.

**Ushering this week** is offered by:

Sandra Thistle, Mary Daya, John Stuckless and Janet, Trevor,  
Allison, Kate and Jennifer Bartlett

### **Precious Memories**

Precious mem'ries, unseen angels, sent from somewhere to my soul;  
How they linger, ever near me, and the sacred past unfold.

Chorus:           Precious mem'ries, how they linger,  
                      How they ever flood my soul,  
                      In the stillness of the midnight,  
                      Precious sacred scenes unfold.

Precious father, loving mother, fly across the lonely years;  
And old home scenes of my childhood, in fond memory appears.

Chorus

In the still of the midnight, echoes from the past I hear.  
Old time singing, gladness bringing, from that lovely land somewhere.

Chorus

### **Count Your Blessings**

When upon life's billows you are tempest tossed,  
When you are discouraged, thinking all is lost,  
Count your many blessings; name them one by one,  
And it will surprise you what the Lord has done.

Chorus:           Count your blessings; name them one by one;  
                      Count your blessings; see what God hath done;  
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Are you ever burdened with a load of care?  
Does the cross seem heavy you are called to bear?  
Count your many blessings, ev'ry doubt will fly,  
And you will be singing as the days go by.

So amid the conflict, whether great or small,  
Do not be discouraged, God is over all;  
Count your many blessings, angels will attend,  
Help and comfort give you to your journey's end.

***The Gift of Nature***

**Hymn of Praise:** How Great Thou Art 238

**Offertory Invitation: (unison)**

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**Offering:** *I do not ask, Oh Lord!* Senior Choir

**Offertory Hymn:** Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow 541

**Offertory Prayer: (unison)**

Gracious God, we give you thanks for the intimacy of friends and family, for the bounty of the earth, for the wonders of creation. Accept the gifts we bring and bless our service in your name. May our voices sing your praise, our hands care for the suffering, our feet walk your paths faithfully, our hearts love you completely. All that we have is a gift from you. We offer ourselves and our gifts in return, out of love for your world. In Jesus’ name, Amen.

**Life and Work at St James**

***The Gift of Music***

**Anthem:** *Take These Wings* Youth Choir

**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.***

***The Gift of Memory***

**Hymn:** Precious Memories (words on the back page)

***The Gift of Laughter***

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***The Gift of Faith***

**Scripture:** Revelation 7: 9-17  
*The saints of God will never hunger or thirst.*

**Anthem:** Jesus, Lover of My Soul AOTS Choir

**Hymn:** The Lord’s My Shepherd 747

***The Gift of Family***

**Anthem:** I Come to the Garden Alone Senior Choir  
( Congregation join in the chorus)  
*“And He walks with me, and He talks with me,  
And He tells me I am His own,  
And the joy we share as we tarry there,  
None other has ever known.”*

**Hymn:** Jesus You Have Come to the Lakeshore 563

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