

St. James United Church

April 28, 2013

11:00 am

FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

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
Choir:	Prince of Wales Chamber Choir
Choir Director:	Terry Howlett



Organ Prelude

Welcome

Call To Worship (responsive)

L: If God had only given us this precious moment of life,

P: it would have been enough.

L: If God had only given us the rain and the sunshine of this good Earth,

P: it would have been enough.

L: If God had only given us the love we share among family and friends.

P: it would have been enough.

L: If God had only given us this church with its praise and service,

P: it would have been enough.

L: But God, the Creator, has given us all this and so much more,

P: and so our thanks overflow as we enter this time of worship.

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Prayer of Approach (unison)

God of beauty and truth: you touch our lives with healing and with justice; new life is your gift. We praise you for the Good News which is ours through Jesus Christ. May this time of worship nourish us with your promise of meaning and purpose. As we hear the special music performed by the Prince of Wales Chamber Choir, may our spirit be uplifted. May we all be empowered to carry your goodness into the coming week and live in unity and peace. Amen.

Hymn: Praise, My Soul, the God of Heaven 240

Time with the Children

Hymn: Draw the Circle Wide MV 145

Chorus:

Draw the circle wide. Draw it wider still.

Let this be our song, no one stands alone,
standing side by side, draw the circle wide.

V.1: God the still point of the circle, 'round whom all creation turns;
nothing lost, but held forever, in God's gracious arms.

V.2: Let our hearts touch far horizons, so encompass great and small;
let our loving know no borders, faithful to God's call.

V.3: Let the dreams we dream be larger, than we've ever dreamed
before;
let the dream of Christ be in us, open every door.

Offertory Invitation: (unison)

In response to God's love, we present our tokens of love, through the gift of our time, talent and monetary resources. In response to the gift of the Earth, which has been entrusted to our care, may we be good stewards. In response to your call to reach out to those in need

in our community and around the world, may we generously give today.

Offering

Offertory Hymn: Your Work, O God, Needs Many Hands 537

Offertory Prayer: (unison)

Holy gifts are here: the work of loving hands and hearts. Receive our offering, tender and mighty God, so that it may be used to make your kingdom come.

Life and Work at St James

Special Music: Prince of Wales Chamber Choir

Prayer for Illumination: (unison)

As we worship today, O God, we come with many unmet needs and many hungers. We gather hoping that these hungers will be heard, felt, and met. We are hungry for meaning in our lives. We are hungry for a word of hope, for evidence of your presence in the world, for the warmth of companionship. Hear us, God, and open us to your living word that we may feed on it and be satisfied. Amen.

Hebrew Scripture: (Responsive Reading) Psalm 148 871
Let the whole creation praise God

Epistle: Revelation 21: 1-6
I saw a new heaven and a new earth

Hymn: I See a New Heaven 713

Gospel: John 13: 31-35
A new commandment: love one another!

Special Music: Prince of Wales Chamber Choir

Pastoral Prayer

Lord's Prayer

Hymn: We Are Pilgrims (The Servant Song) 595

Commissioning: (responsive)

L: Beloved, let us love one another, because love is from God.

P: Everyone who loves is born of God and knows God.

L: Go in peace to love and serve. Reach out in love and bear the good fruit that is uniquely yours by the love of God.

Organ Postlude

Resources for the worship service were taken from *Gathering: Lent-Easter, 2013; Worship for All Seasons II & Celebrate God's Presence.*

We express our deep appreciation to Terry Howlett and the Prince of Wales Chamber Choir for enriching our worship today with their energy and wonderful gift of music.

Ushering today is provided by

Betty, Ross, Willow, and Gracie Pilgrim
Janet, Trevor, Allison, Kate, and Jennifer Bartlett