

# St. James United Church

April 7, 2013

Easter 2/Sacrament of Baptism

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:** Gather Us In

**Call to Worship:** (responsive)

(L) We believe in God, the creator and redeemer of all life.

**(P) We live, we love, we laugh, because we have been blessed by God.**

(L) We believe in Jesus Christ, who is risen to new life.

**(P) We live, we love, we laugh, because of the Good News of the Resurrection.**

(L) We believe in the Holy Spirit, who moves us to live in joyous ways.

**(P) We live, we love, we laugh, because the Spirit is our inspiration and guide.**

(L) Let us rejoice with thankful hearts!

**(P) Let us worship God!**

**Opening Prayer:** (unison)

Jesus, come and stand among us. Bring us your peace. In so many ways we lock the doors of our lives out of fear. Yet you have the power to enter in. Come and be with us in our worship today. Enter into our hearts, so that we might be joy filled and committed people. Amen.



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## Pastoral Prayer

**Lord's Prayer** (unison)

**Hymn:** Walk with Me

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**Commissioning:** (unison)

So often we are such serious people, O God, unwilling to believe that life is filled with irony or that a sense of humour is needed to be whole. Take our somber hearts, carving them with the sharpness of your wit. Make room within our souls for the bubbling of joy, a joy that can only come out of painful struggle. Give to us laughter, O Christ, to leaven our faith as we go forth into the world as your holy people. Amen.

## Benediction

Organ Postlude

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Resources for worship service taken from *Gathering 2012-2013 and Worship for All Seasons II*.

**Ushers:** Ushering this week is provided by:

Trevor, Allison, Kate, and Jennifer Bartlett

Joy Bartlett

Barry Cutler

Jacques Van Wijk

**Hymn:** Praise the Lord with the Sound of Trumpet 245

**Time with the Children**

**Hymn:** Come, We That Love 714

**Offertory Invitation:** (unison)

Music and laughter, hands and minds, curiosity and compassion; what an abundance of gifts we have! All these gifts are symbolized in our offering today. As we present our monetary gifts and gifts of our energy and time, we also commit ourselves to service, as we worship God.

**Offertory:** By the Well, a Thirsty Woman

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

**Offertory Prayer:** (unison)

God of extraordinary feats, you made nations from an elderly, childless couple; you raised Jesus from the dead. Take our simple offering and turn it into laughter from the joy of full stomachs, the company of friends, the security of peace, and the assurance of hope in Jesus Christ. Amen.

**Life and Work of St. James**

**Sacrament of Baptism**

**Baptismal Hymn:** Child of Blessing, Child of Promise 444, 1 & 2

Presentation

Parents' Declaration

Parents' Baptismal Vows

**Congregation Commitment:** (unison) all stand

We have heard the will of these parents. We receive these children in Christ's name as we ourselves have been received. We all belong to

the one household of Christ. We will support these parents by providing an environment where love is shown and faith is nurtured.

**Affirmation of Faith:** A New Creed page 918

**Prayer of Thanksgiving and Pouring of the Water**

**Action of Baptism**

**Callia Aerin Seal**, daughter of Melanie Dawn (Pike) and Shane Kenneth Seal

**Abigail Elizabeth Stanley**, daughter of Melissa Jean (Pelley) and Adam James Stanley

**Blessing:** (unison)

May God bless you and keep you. May God's face shine upon you and be gracious to you. May God look upon you with kindness and give you peace.

**Baptismal Hymn:** Child of Blessing, Child of Promise 444, 3 & 4

**The Word of God**



**Epistle:** Acts 5: 27-32  
*Peter speaks before the Sanhedrin.*

**Responsive Reading: Psalm 150** 874  
*God is my strength and my song.*

**Anthem:** Bathe Me in Your Light

**Gospel:** John 20: 19-31  
*Thomas doubts until he sees Jesus for himself.*

**Meditation**

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