

# St. James United Church

May 5, 2013

11:00 am

## Sixth Sunday of Easter/CAMPING SUNDAY

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| 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/ Choir Director:    | Gillian Burry                |
| Choir:                                 | Senior                       |

### Organ Prelude

### Welcome

### Introit

**Call to Worship:** (responsive)

In the midst of our busy lives,

**We know that you, God, are with us.**

In the midst of laughter and joy,

**We delight in knowing you are with us.**

In times of grief and struggle,

**We are comforted and strengthened in knowing you are with us.**

At home, at worship, at camp, at work, among family and friends,

**We rest in the knowledge that you are with us.**

**Thanks be to God!**

**Opening Prayer:** (unison)

Your love, God, is to be shared with all of your people. Our challenge today and forward, is to find ways to Live Radical Welcome. You see no difference if we are straight or gay, white or black, male or female, young or old. Why must we? Teach us, Living Spirit, to welcome strangers and others different from ourselves as easily as you have taught us to laugh and cry. We crave your peace and seek belonging. In your name we pray for forgiveness, healing and a radical path towards change. Amen.

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### Lighting the Christ Candle

**Hymn:** *This Little Light of Mine*

This little light of mine, I'm going to let it shine!  
let shine, let it shine, let it shine!

Hide it under a bushel; NO! I'm gonna let it shine!

Don't let anyone blow it out, I'm gonna let it shine!

Let it shine all round the world. I'm gonna let it shine!

This little light of mine, I'm gonna let it shine!

### Time with Children

**Hymn:** *My Love Colours Outside the Lines*

My love colours outside the lines,  
exploring paths that few could ever find;  
and takes me into places where I've never been before,  
and opens doors to worlds outside the lines.

My Lord colours outside the lines,  
turns wounds to blessings, water into wine;  
and takes me into places where I've never been before,  
and opens doors to worlds outside the lines.

Chorus: We'll never walk on water if we're not prepared to drown,  
body and soul need a soaking from time to time.  
And we'll never move the gravestones if we're not prepared to die,  
and realize there are worlds outside the lines.

My soul longs to colour outside the lines,  
tear back the curtains, sun, come in and shine;  
I want to walk beyond the boundaries where  
I've never been before, throw open doors  
to worlds outside the lines.

Chorus

**Invitation to Give:**

What do you have to give?

Many United Church Camps rely on donations to keep the doors open. Although money is always welcome, many times we overlook the importance and necessity of presence. Do you have time? Talent? Tools? All you need to do is offer and ask “what can I do?” There will surely be a grateful answer.

**Offertory**

**Offertory Hymn:** *Magic Penny*

Chorus: Love is something if you give it away, give it away, give it away,  
Love is something if you give it away, you’ll end up having more.

It’s just like a magic penny; hold it tight and you won’t have any.

Lend it, spend it and you’ll have so many, they’ll roll all over the floor.

Chorus

**Dedication of our Gifts:** (unison)

We come together as one, O God, presenting our gifts.  
You call us into discipleship and you send us out to serve,  
so bless us and our gifts,  
that we may tear down walls of injustice,  
that we may walk with those who are wounded,  
that we may love our neighbours as ourselves. Amen.

**Scriptures:** Psalm 36:5-10

*Harmony in God’s Home* (Everyday Psalms, by James Taylor)

Your door is always open, God.

**You stand at your door, and welcome all who come to it.**

Entry to your home is not limited to your friends, your associates, your social class.

**You extend your welcome to everyone and everything:**

Beggars and outcasts, oppressors and victims,

**People who have handicaps and drifters who huddle in culverts.**

From rats skulking in their sewers to condors soaring in the clouds- You make them all welcome.

**All creation is your household, God.**

All can live together in harmony under your roof.

**In your kitchens they are fed;**

In your living room, they are entertained and uplifted.

**For you are life itself.**

Continue to give us life, oh Lord.

**Show us how to live in harmony in your home.**

**Gospel:** Luke 10:25–37  
*(Parable of the Good Samaritan)*

**Anthem**

**Epistle:** 1 Corinthians 12:12–31  
*(Unity and Diversity in the Body)*

**Hymn:** *Here I am, Lord* 509

**Reflection**

**Prayers of the People**

**The Lord’s Prayer:** (Contemporary English Version)

Our Father in heaven, help us to honor Your name.  
Come and set up your kingdom,  
so that everyone on earth will obey you,  
as you are obeyed in heaven.  
Give us our food for today.  
Forgive us for doing wrong, as we forgive others.  
Keep us from being tempted and protect us from evil.  
For the kingdom, the power and the glory are Yours,  
now and forever. Amen.

**Hymn:** *It Only Takes a Spark* 289

**Benediction:** As we go out this day, may God teach us to be welcoming in radical ways, reminding us of the joys of community at camp, towering trees, lapping lakeshores, and Spirit in silence. May we learn to live our lives to new extremes, experiencing growth and understanding, and above all, loving and welcoming everyone as our neighbour – Living Radical Welcome. Amen!