

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

St. James United Church

May 12, 2013

Christian Family Sunday/Baptism

Minister:	Rev. Bill Bartlett
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Organist/Choir Director:	Dr. Philip Roberts
Assistant Organist:	Gillian Burry
Choir Director:	Doreen Brown
Choir:	UCW

Organ Prelude

Welcome

Introit: The Lone, Wild Bird

Call to Worship: (responsive)

(L) This is the day, it is the day that God has made.

(P) And we have come together as God's family.

(L) This is the day, it is the day that God has made.

(P) And we have come together for worship.

(L) This is the day, it is the day that God has made.

(P) And we come to worship as we are: happy, sad, certain, troubled.

(L) This is the day, it is the day that God has made.

(P) May we know ourselves blessed in it as we gather for worship.

(L) Come, and let us worship God.

Opening Prayer: (responsive)

(L) We expect to find you in church, O God,

(P) but you are also where we do not expect you to be.

(L) We know you in the joy and celebration of family reunion,

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(P) but you are also there in the struggle to resolve family conflict.

(L) We know you in the confidence and trust of friendship,

(P) but you are also there when a friend lets us down.

(L) You are there when our faith is strength and an inspiration,

(P) but you are also there when we struggle and doubt.

(L) You are there in the Bible story and sayings of Jesus,

(P) but you are also there in the deeds and words of those who follow the Christian way. Amen.

Hymn: This is the Day 412

Time with the Children

Hymn: Jesus Loves Me 365

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: Joy is Like the Rain

Offertory Hymn: We Give You But Your Own
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Offertory Prayer: (unison)

On this Christian Family Sunday, we are thankful for the gift of our families. Bless all our families O God! In gratitude for all members of our families and to You our spiritual parent, we offer all our gifts today. Amen.

Life and Work of St. James

Sacrament of Baptism

Baptismal Hymn: Out of Deep, Unordered Water 453

Presentation
Parent's 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 918

Prayer of Thanksgiving and Pouring of the Water

Action of Baptism

Abigail Leigh Keating, daughter of Darryl Scott Keating and Connie Leigh Moores

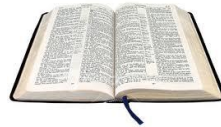
Ashton Martin Lethbridge, son of Grant David Lethbridge and Michelle Rae Martin Lethbridge,

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.

The Word of God

Epistle: Revelation 22: 12-14, 16-17, 20-21
I am coming soon



Responsive Psalm: 97 817
God reigns; let the earth be glad

Anthem: My Mother's Prayers Have Followed Me

Gospel: John 17: 20-26
Jesus prays that they all may be one.

Meditation

Pastoral Prayer

Lord's Prayer: (unison)

Hymn: You Formed Us in Your Image, Lord

You formed us in your image, Lord; you call us your own children.
In you, each one is loved, adored – unique among the millions.
Bless, Lord, the families who know the joy, Christ claims and frees!
Bless, too, the ones who weep, forgetting that you love them.

You made our homes to honor you with love the strong foundation.
In serving God and neighbor too, we find our life's vocation.
Bless families large and small who love and serve you when you call.
Bless, too, the ones who fear – whose trust and love are shattered.

Christ loved and honored family, yet showed us what is greater.
He taught a higher loyalty to God, our good Creator.
Bless, Lord, the ones who long to build up homes where faith is strong.
Bless children, women, men who risk to serve your kingdom.

In home and church our faith is formed; we learn your love and caring.
From here we're called to face the storm, your love and justice bearing.
Each day your Spirit sends! We go to strangers, neighbors, friends,
Peace, justice, joy we bring to all your human family.

Commissioning: (unison)

Return to the world and offer those you meet, the love a mother has for a child, the love a family has for its own, the open arms and loving smile God has for all.

Coral Benediction: Peace Be With You

Organ Postlude

Resources for worship service taken from *Gathering, Lent and Easter 2013.*

Ushering this week is provided by the UCW:

- Ushers in Charge: Sheilah Beckett
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- Greeters: Menetha Dyke
Jean White
- Ushers: Winona Kelsey
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