St. James United Church

April 15, 2014 Holy Week

Minister: Rev. Terrie Burry

Minister of Visitation/MUN Chaplain: Rev. Pamela Jones-Fitzgerald

Minister of Youth/Christian Education: Susan Sheppard, DLM

Organist/Senior Choir Director: Christine Tiller Choir: A.O.T.S.

Choir: A.O.T.S. A.O.T.S. Doreen Brown

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Organ Prelude: Poem Southbridge

Introit: Worship Him Welcome Choir

Call to Worship: (responsive)

One: Let us cry out from this Lenten road our praise:

All: God, You are holy.

One: You, our thirst and our refreshing, All: You, our road and our arrival.

One: Let us cry out from this Lenten road our praise: All: God, You are holy. We come to worship You.

Opening Prayer: (together)

On this Lenten road, You offer us Your presence in soft-shadowed snow, in light-lifted branches. In the well of living water, out of sight, You are with us on our journey. We gather today to be reminded to drink again of grace, to live again in gratitude. Amen.

Hymn: Come, O Fount of Every Blessing 559

Prayer of Unburdening and Letting Go

SCRIPTURE READINGS

Hebrew Scripture: Isaiah 49: 1-7

Responsive Psalm: Psalm 71 789

Epistle: 1 Corinthians 1 : 18-31

Anthem: Take Up Thy Cross Choir

Gospel : John 12 : 20-36

Hymn: Tell Me the Stories of Jesus 357

Meditation and A Time of Prayer

Hymn: I Heard the Voice of Jesus Say 626

Invitation to the Offering

Organ Offertory: Wondrous Love arr. Hustad

Offertory Hymn: *Spirit, Open My Heart*

"Spirit, open my heart to the joy and pain of living. As you love, may I love, in receiving and in giving,

Spirit, open my heart."

Offertory Prayer: (together)

Gracious God, bless and transform all that we offer: our faltering steps, our brokenness, our hope, our risking, our hearts, that Your covenant may be written on our hearts and we may be a blessed and transformed covenant people. In Jesus' name we pray, Amen.

Closing Hymn: The Day You Gave Us, God, Is Ended 437

Blessing & Sending Forth

Organ Postlude: Adoramus te, Christe Dubois