

St. James United Church

May 25th, 2014

Easter VI/Laity Sunday

Service conducted by St. James' Men's Service Club (AOTS)

Service Leader: Leslie Dean
Minister: Rev. Terrie Burry
Minister of Visitation: Rev. Pamela Jones-Fitzgerald
Minister of Youth/Christian Education: Susan Sheppard, DLM
Organist: Christine Tiller
Choir: AOTS Men's Choir
Choir Leader: Gillian Burry
Children's Time Leader: Brenda Nyatanga

**Please remain seated comfortably until invited to stand.
Please turn off your cell phone during the Service.**

Organ Prelude: *Nimrod* Elgar

Welcome and Life and Work of St. James



Introit: *God Reveal Your Presence*

Call to Worship: (responsive)

One: We come in the brightness of the morning to worship our God and to give thanks for His many blessings.

All: Age unto age He has called us to His service and to uphold the faith which has enriched our lives.

One: We come remembering the spirit of our ancestors who labored in Your vineyard O God, and who kept the faith.

All: We give thanks for the wisdom of Your spoken Word O Lord, and for the courage to face a new day and the night to come.

Be with us O Lord, as we worship and pray to Your glorious Name.

Opening Prayer: (together)

God, You touch our lives with mystery, hope, grace and salvation. Grant us the peace of Your presence and the certainty that in light and in darkness Thou will never leave us or forsake us. Grant us the faith to accept the things which we cannot understand and to believe as true believers in Your service. In You, O God, we seek and find eternal strength and courage. O Thou who art the light of the world, be with us today, whatever light may shine or shadow fall, that we may ever live and walk as children of the light; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Hymn: *Morning Has Broken* 409

Children's Time

Hymn: *I Love to Tell the Story* 343

Invitation to the Offering

Offertory Anthem: *Everyday People*

Offertory Hymn: *In Gratitude and Humble Trust* 544

Offertory Prayer: (together)

We know, O God, to labour in Your vineyard is not to labour in vain, and that Your kingdom needs many helping hands. From season to season we are nourished by the fruit of Your harvest and by the blessings of Your wondrous world. Accept these gifts which we bring with a thankful mind, a willing spirit and a joyful heart to further the work of Your kingdom. This we pray to Your glorious Name. Amen.

Hymn: *All the Way My Saviour Leads Me* 635

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Old Testament Lesson: Ecclesiastes 1 : 1-16 Eric King

New Testament Reading: 2 Peter 1: 3-15 Baxter Howse

Anthem: *He's Only a Prayer Away*

Gospel Lesson : Luke 1 : 67-80 Ross Pilgrim

Meditation : The Cross We Bear

Hymn: *Jesus, Keep Me Near the Cross* 142

Pastoral Prayer/The Lord's Prayer

Closing Hymn: *My Life Flows On* 716

Benediction

Outroit: *Saviour, Again to Your Dear Name*

Organ Postlude: *Trumpet Voluntary* Clarke