This bulletin is dedicated to the celebration of the baptism of my grandson,

Christopher James Ivory,
from Gamme, Maxine Ivory.

St. James United Church

August 3rd , 2014

Eighth after Pentecost/Baptism

Minister: Rev. Terrie Burry

Minister of Visitation: Rev. Pamela Jones-Fitzgerald

Minister of Youth/Christian Education: Susan Sheppard, DLM

Organist: Bob Rose

Soloist: David Kelleher-Flight

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Musical Prelude

Welcome and Life and Work of St. James



Call to Worship: (responsive)

One: We are called to be the Church, to walk together Christ's own way,

All: God is our hope.

One: From our earliest beginnings, from our time in the desert,

All: God is our hope.

One: In our grandmother's courage, in our grandfather's vision,

All: God is our hope.

One: Even across seven generations, despite danger, despite struggle,

All: God is our hope.

One: In a world in need of love, in a time of change and fear,

All: God is our hope.

One: In a future yet uncertain, on this path of peace and justice,

All: God is our hope.

Opening Prayer: (together)

God of sun and rain, blessed are You in all creation. We encounter Your glory in a myriad of places and situations. May calm be ours in the midst of storms and discomfort when we are too placid. Guide us as we minister side by side, following Your way. In the glorious name of Christ, we worship. Amen.

Hymn: *Morning Has Broken* 409

Time with the Children

Baptismal Hymn: Child of Blessing, Child of Promise 444

Sacrament of Holy Baptism

Presentation

Parents' Baptismal Vows

Congregational Commitment (together, standing as you are able):

We have heard the will of these parents. We receive this child in Christ's name as we ourselves have been received. We all belong to the one household of Christ. We will support these parents and this child through prayer, and provide a community of faith in which he is welcome to belong. May we serve God's world together. Amen.

Affirmation of Faith: A New Creed 918

Prayer of Thanksgiving & Pouring of the Water

Action of Baptism

Christopher James Ivory, son of Linda Michelle Ivory & John Richard Maxwell Ivory.

Blessing: (together)

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.

Invitation to the Offering

Offertory Solo: Precious Lord, Take My Hand

Offertory Hymn: Spirit of Life

Offertory Prayer: (together) We give with the hope, Holy One, that you would remake us in Christ's image. Be near to us, as we draw near to You. Let our lives praise You as surely as our gifts seek to honor You. Take what we offer now, and use it for Your glory, for Jesus' sake. Amen.

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SCRIPTURE READINGS

Scripture: Isaiah 56: 1-8

Solo: How Great Thou Art

Gospel: Matthew 15 : 21-28

Hymn: I Love to Tell the Story 343

Sermon

Prayers of Thanksgiving and Concern

Closing Hymn: Be Thou My Vision 642

Blessing & Sending Forth

Musical Postlude

Ushering this week is provided by:

Usher in Charge: Trevor Bartlett

Greeters: Trevor & Janet Bartlett

Ushers: Joy Bartlett, Allison, Kate and Jennifer Bartlett

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