

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

St. James United Church

September 7th, 2014

First Sunday of Creation/Communion

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Musical Prelude

Welcome and Life and Work of St. James



Call to Worship: (responsive)

One: The heavens are telling the glory of God!

All: The rocks and trees sing God's praise.

One: The lakes and forests whisper their adoration.

All: All God's creatures give God their thanks.

One: Let us add our voices to the song of praise.

All: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God!

Opening Prayer: (together)

God of moon and stars and sun, God of deep, still waters, You have created all things from the swirls on our fingertips to the spinning cosmos. All things praise Your Holy Name. We praise You for friends and families, for kindness and smiles, for seasons of beauty and bittersweet. Glory, glory, glory, the earth is full of Your glory! We praise You, most Holy God, in all seasons, for all reasons, in rain or flood, we praise You! For each day, beneath the sun and moon, You awaken us to miracles and set dry bones to dance. Amen.

Hymn: *I, the Lord of Sea and Sky* 509

Time with the Children

Hymn: *God of the Sparrow* 229

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Offering

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Offertory Prayer: (together)

Out of chaos came creation – order and hope for the future. Out of darkness came light – brightness and clarity for the future. We respond to the God who first gave to us all that we need. May our gifts meet the needs of people here and elsewhere. Let us worship God with our offerings. Amen.

SCRIPTURE READINGS

Exodus 12: 1-14
Responsive Psalm 149, R1
John 3: 1-16 873

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Communion Hymn: *As We Gather at Your Table* 457

Sacrament of Holy Communion

The Great Thanksgiving: (responsive)

One: The Lord be with you.

All: And also with you.

One: Lift up your hearts.

All: We lift them to the Lord.

One: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

All: It is right to give Him thanks and praise.

One: It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to You, Father Almighty, Creator of Heaven and Earth.....And so, with Your people on earth and all the company of Heaven, we praise Your Name and join their unending hymn:



**All: Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,
Heaven and earth are full of Your glory.
Hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is he who comes in the Name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest.**

One: Holy are You and blessed is Your Son Jesus Christ. Though He was rich, yet for our sake He became poor.....And so, in remembrance of these Your mighty acts in Jesus Christ, we offer ourselves in praise and thanksgiving as a Holy and living sacrifice, in union with Christ's offering for us, as we proclaim the mystery of faith.

All: Christ has died, Christ is risen, Christ will come again.

One: Pour out Your Holy Spirit on us, gathered here, and on these gifts of bread and wine.....through Your Son, Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit in Your Holy Church, all honor and glory is Yours, Almighty Father, now and for ever. Amen.

The Lord's Prayer

Breaking the Bread

Communion

Prayer after Communion: (responsive)

One: You have given Yourself to us, Lord.

All: Now we give ourselves to others.

One: Your love has made us a new people.

All: As a people of love we will serve You with joy.

One: Your glory has filled our hearts.

All: Help us to glorify You in all things. Amen.

Closing Hymn: *Be Thou My Vision*

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Blessing & Sending Forth

Musical Postlude