

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

## St. James United Church

October 19<sup>th</sup>, 2014/ Laity Sunday

The Service is conducted by members of the UCW and led by Barbara Butt.

Minister: Rev. Terrie Burry  
Minister of Visitation: Rev. Pamela Jones-Fitzgerald  
Minister of Youth/Christian Education: Susan Sheppard, DLM  
Choir: UCW  
Choir Director: Doreen Brown  
Organist: Amy Dalziel

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

### Organ Prelude

### Welcome and Announcements



**Introit:** *O Let the Power Fall on Me* Choir

### Call to Worship: (responsive)

One: We have gathered here today to worship God on this U.C.W. Laity Sunday.

**All: We have come rejoicing and seeking comfort, strength, inspiration, community and insight.**

One: We have come to open ourselves to the power of God's presence in our midst.

**All: We have come to offer up the seasons and the turnings in our lives, and to ask God's help in our learning and growing.**

### Prayer of Approach: (together)

God of all time, we come to this place and this time, and we meet to offer our praise and our thanksgiving. The pasts have been lived in Your presence, the present is Your care and the future is known only to You. We come today honouring the many years of Witness, Study, Fellowship and Service, and we gather to rejoice in the wonderful story of the United Church Women. Be with us today as we celebrate all that has been and all that is yet to be. In the sure knowledge of Your presence we pray. Amen.

**Hymn:** *Jesus Bids Us Shine* 585  
(Children to come forward during the last verse.)

**Children's Story Time:** Daphne Coish

**Hymn:** *All Things Bright and Beautiful* 291

### Invitation to the Offering:

God, who supplies seed for the sower and bread to eat, will also supply you with all the seed you need, and will make it grow and produce a rich harvest from your generosity.

**Offertory Anthem:** *Christ Has No Body Now But Yours* Choir

**Offertory Hymn:** *Spirit of Life* 381

**Offertory Prayer:** (together) O God, You have given to us beyond our wildest dreams, and we are called to be thankful. Empower us, our God, to respond generously, wisely and compassionately, that our gifts combined with the gifts of others, may follow the patterns of Jesus Christ and become a living, loving blessing, in the name of love we pray. Amen.

### Prayer of Illumination

**Old Testament Reading:** Genesis 1: 1-18 Sheilah Beckett

**Responsive Reading:** Psalm 98, Refrain 2 818

**Anthem:** *Like a River of Tears* Choir

**Gospel:** John 1 : 1-18 Betty Pilgrim

**Hymn :** *O Worship the King* 235

**Meditation :** Christ's Spotlight on Life's Mysteries Betty Pilgrim  
**Prayer and Thanksgiving:** Betty Pilgrim

### The Lord's Prayer

**Closing Hymn:** *Praise to the Lord, the Almighty* 220

**Choral Benediction:** *May God's Sheltering Wings* Choir  
**Organ Postlude**