# St. James United Church

October 5<sup>th</sup>, 2014/World Wide Communion Sunday

Minister: Rev. Terrie Burry

Minister of Visitation: Rev. Pamela Jones-Fitzgerald

Minister of Youth/Christian Education: Susan Sheppard, DLM

Organist: Amy Dalziel Choir: A.O.T.S.

Choir Director: Doreen Brown

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

**Musical Prelude:** 

Welcome and Life and Work of St. James

**Introit:** There's a Quiet Understanding Choir

**Call to Worship:** (responsive)

One: Come.

All: Let us celebrate at the table of Jesus Christ.

One: Come quickly.

All: Let us bring abundant wine and bread to the table. Nobody will stay

hungry.

Prayer of Approach: (together)

God, You nourish us for the faith journey. As we gather at Your table here, Your people throughout the world offer praise and thanksgiving to You as bread and wine are shared. May the mystery of Your presence, experienced in our worship, bind us together as one worldwide community. Amen.

**Hymn:** Draw the Circle Wide MV145

Celebrating Relationships: Circle Song, Passing the Peace & Children's Time

**Hymn:** Make Me a Channel of Your Peace 684

**Invitation to the Offering:** What Can I Do? MV191

Offering & Offertory Hymn: Spirit of Life 381

Offertory Prayer: (together)

Use these gifts, God, to break the yoke of oppression and to feed the hungry, to shelter the homeless and clothe the naked. And use us, O God,

to do the same. Amen.

**Prayer for Illumination and Silence** 

**SCRIPTURE READINGS** 

**Scripture:** Exodus 20: 1-4, 7-9, 12-20

Responsive Psalm 19, ref. 2

740

Galatians 3: 23-29

**Anthem:** To Show By Touch and Word Choir

Sermon

Communion Hymn: One Bread, One Body 467

**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 up to God!

One: Let us praise God.

All: It is right and good that we praise God, always and everywhere.

One: Christ invites us all to this Holy Feast. As we gather this morning, we remember our sisters and brothers from above and below the equator, from the North and from Down Under, from every time zone around the globe. As today's sunlight inches across land and sea, Christians gather to celebrate their place in God's family. All are invited and all are welcome.

One: Loving and gracious God......With many tongues, yet with one voice, we honour You, singing:

All: O Holy, Holy God, O God of time and space, MV203
All earth and sea and sky above bear witness to your grace.
Hosanna in the highest heaven, Creation sings Your praise.
And blessed is the one who comes and bears Your name always.

One: Loving and gracious God......Together we sing together the

mystery of our faith: MV204

All: Sing Christ has died and Christ is risen; Christ will come again! Sing Christ has died and Christ is risen; Christ will come again!

### **Blessing of the Elements:**

One: God, may this bread connect us more closely with You, and with our neighbours near and far.

All: Bless this bread, we pray.

One: May this fruit of the vine remind us of the inter-connectedness of

people around the world.

All: Bless this cup, we pray.

One: May this simple meal bring us into union with You, Your people and

Your world, united in the One Body of Christ.

May this be so. May we sing together: MV205

All: Amen, Amen, O Holy One! Hosanna and Amen! Amen, Amen, O Holy One! Hosanna and Amen!

#### Communion

## **Prayer following Communion:** (together)

Gracious God, we thank You for all Your good gifts: the two rivers meeting into one, and this bread and wine, once scattered, now brought together and made one. Keep us faithful to Your will. Amen.

Though Ancient Walls **Closing Hymn:** 691

**Blessing & Sending Forth** 

**Musical Postlude** 

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Ushering this week is provided by:

Ushers in Charge: Al & Minnie Penney

Ushers: Nina Abbott

Ray & Sadie Keats Betty Winsor Helen Penney



## Accessibility at St. James United Church:

**Hearing Devices** Wheelchairs **Enlarged Bulletins** If you wish to use one of the above services that we offer, please speak with one of our ushers and they will be happy to assist you.

Reminder: St. James is a scent-free area. Please be sensitive to our concerns and help us remain scent free.

St. James' 56<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebrations: On Friday, November 14<sup>th</sup>, we will be celebrating our 56<sup>th</sup> Anniversary with a dinner and auction at the Royal Canadian Legion in Pleasantville. This facility is wheelchair accessible. The dinner will start at 6:30 pm followed by a silent and live auction. The cost of the dinner is \$30 for adults and \$20 for children under 12. Tickets are available at the church office and the deadline is November 10<sup>th</sup>. When you purchase your tickets, please let us know if you have any dietary restrictions such as diabetes or gluten-free and we will make sure that you have a dessert to enjoy. If you do not have transportation or you don't drive by night, we can arrange a ride for you. Just let us know when you purchase your ticket and we can get you there. If you are able to provide transportation, please let us know that as well. We are looking for items for the auction such as baked items, knitted goods, sewn items, dinners, sailing trips, pictures, or anything you would like to donate, please drop them off to the office by 4pm on Thursday, November 13<sup>th</sup>. A form for your donation will be available at the church office and at the services on Sundays. If you have any guestions, please feel free to contact the church office at 722-1881

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