

# St. James United Church

November 16<sup>th</sup>, 2014/Anniversary Sunday

Minister: Rev. Terrie Burry  
Minister of Visitation: Rev. Pamela Jones-Fitzgerald  
Minister of Youth/Christian Education: Susan Sheppard, DLM  
Guest Speaker: Dr. Carmel Doyle  
Choir: Senior  
Organists/Senior Choir Directors: Amy Dalziel,  
Sophia Werden-Abrams  
Band: Sight Restored

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**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



## Call to Worship (responsive)

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One: We have told stories of faith in Jesus Christ:

**All: 56 years in St. James United Church, of love and service with all the saints.**

One: We give thanks and rejoice for our co-workers and companions:

**All: 56 years sharing ministry, challenge, struggle and blessing.**

One: We pray that the eyes of our hearts be opened:

**All: to a future of wisdom and grace.**

One: May we come to know more fully the love of Christ Jesus and recognize the hope to which we have been called:

**All: Resurrection power at work in the world, making all things new.**

### Opening Prayer: (together)

O Living God of past and future, we praise you for this present moment. Fill us with your joy and empower us with your Holy Spirit, that our strength may be renewed to sing a new song of your glory in a world which longs for your justice and peace. All this we ask in the name of Jesus, in whom we become your new creation. Amen.

Hymn: *Let Us Build A House* MV1

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

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Hymn: *Make a Joyful Noise* 820

## Invitation to the Offering

## Offering

Offertory Hymn: *Spirit of Life* 381

### Offertory Prayer: (together)

Lord, make us mindful of all Your gifts, that we may be content and grateful, giving our love and lives to You all our days. Fill us with grateful hearts and remind us constantly of all You have given us that we may never take for granted. Your love and Your generosity and Your goodness. Amen..

Responsive Psalm: Psalm 123 847

Anthem: Choir

Gospel: Matthew 25 : 14-30

Hymn : *Christ Is Made the Sure Foundation* 325

Sermon Dr. Doyle

### Responsive Prayer of Thanksgiving for 56 Years: "We Are Listening, and We Give Thanks:"

One: Speak to us, O God, of mothers and fathers who responded to Your call, joining hearts and hands in the United Church of Canada.

**All: O God, we are listening, and we give thanks.**

One: Speak to us, O God, of forebears who taught us the vocation of extravagant welcome and evangelical courage.

**All: O God, we are listening, and we give thanks.**

One: Speak to us, O God, of a united church still seeking the wider unity of the church universal.

**All: O God, we are listening, and we give thanks.**

One: Speak to us, O God, of Native peoples, and of German, English, French, Hungarian, Russian, Armenian, African, Hispanic, Asian, and Pacific Islander, and all those faithful people bound in covenant across cultures, continents, and confessions.

**All: O God, we are listening, and we give thanks.**

One: Speak to us, O God, of a church where all are welcome to share the cost and joy of discipleship, where all receive the promise of courage in the struggle for justice and peace.

**All: O God, we are listening, and we give thanks.**

One: Speak to us, O God, of hope and promise, and then speak to us still, that as we move into the future we may “let Your light shine.”

**All: Let it shine!**

One: We take time now, Holy One, to speak to You the prayers of our hearts, in the silence of our hearts, trusting in the promise that You hear the prayers of Your children... We join together these and all our prayers, binding them together with those ancient words Jesus taught us,

**All: Our Father... .....Amen.**

**Anthem** Band  
  
**Closing Hymn:** *I Feel the Winds of God today* 625

**Blessing & Sending Forth**

**Organ Postlude**

**Postlude:** *Go, Make a Diff'rence* MV209

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**Ushering this week is provided by:**

**Ushers in Charge:** Barry Cutler  
**Greeters:** Bill & Cindy Pike  
**Ushers:** Linda Babstock,  
Marjorie Tiller, Jacques Vanwijk, Claire Neary,  
Jennifer Tremblett, Sandra Thistle, Jum Inder



**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.

November 23	9:30am 11:00am	Contemporary Reign of Christ
November 30	9:30am 11:00am	Contemporary First Sunday of Advent: HOPE
December 7	9:30am 11:00am	Contemporary Second Sunday of Advent: PEACE (Baptism)
December 14	9:30am 11:00 am  7:00pm	Contemporary Third Sunday of Advent: JOY Sunday School WHITE GIFT  CGIT Anniversary
December 21	9:30am 11:00am  7:00pm	Contemporary Fourth Sunday of Advent: LOVE Christmas with the Youth Ch. Coffee Hour  Winter Solstice Service
December 24	7:00-8:30pm	Christmas Eve Family Worship
December 28	11:00am	First Sunday after Christmas

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