

This bulletin is dedicated in loving memory of

Clyde Taylor

from his wife Helen, their 4 sons – Brian, Glen,
Paul & Shelley, Graham & Riza – and their 5 grandchildren:
Alex, Alicia, Sarah, Amy and Chynna.

St. James United Church

February 22, 2015: Lent 1: The Year of Hospitality

Minister: Rev. Terrie Burry
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Minister of Youth/Christian Education: Susan Sheppard, DLM
Choir: AOTS and Youth
Choir Director: Doreen Brown
Music Director: Sophia WerdenAbrams

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Musical Prelude

Welcome and Life and Work of St. James



Introit: *God Says (MV 172, V.1, 2,3)* Choir

Call to Worship: (responsive)

One: What are we doing?
All: We're on a journey.
One: Why are we going?
All: We're walking with Christ.
One: Where are we going?
All: Wherever He goes.
One: Where are we going?
All: To Jerusalem.
One: To the cross, to the tomb, and...
All: Beyond. Let us walk together and, on the journey, worship our God.

.Opening Prayer: (together) Our God, as we begin another Lenten journey, once again we walk with Jesus in the wilderness. Once again we know His struggles, in the struggles of our lives. We sense the barrenness. We walk this journey as one, as we try to know ourselves better and long to know You better. Help us to linger long enough that we might know Your blessings. Amen.

Hymn: *Jesus, Tempted in the Desert* 115

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

Hymn: *Forty Days and Forty Nights* 114

Invitation to the Offering

Offertory Anthem: *Tree of Life and Awesome Mystery (VU 121)* Choir

Offertory Hymn: *Tree of Life and Awesome Mystery* 121a 1st
*From the dawning of creation, You have loved us as Your own;
Stay with us through all temptation; make us turn to You alone,
Make us turn to You alone.*

Offertory Prayer: (together) Loving God, in the desert wilderness Jesus was reminded of all the gifts He had to do without: sufficient food, good friends, family members, regular work, adequate housing, and his faith community and family. These gifts are given to make sure that the needs of those "going without" are supplied, and the powerless are strengthened. Bless their use, loving God, and bless us, the givers, that the Way of Jesus might be remembered. Amen.

Solo: *I Can Only Imagine* Katelyn Mayo

SCRIPTURE READINGS

Genesis 9: 8-17
Responsive Psalm 25 752

Anthem : *Walkin' in the Light* Youth

Scripture : Mark 1 : 9-15

Hymn: *My Song Is Love Unknown* 143

Sermon & Prayers of the People

Hymn: *A Mighty Fortress Is Our God* 262

Blessing & Sending Forth

Choral Benediction: *God Says (MV 172, v.4)*

Postlude