

# St. James United Church

February 8, 2015, Epiphany 5/Communion

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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



## Choral Introit

**Call to Worship:** (responsive)

One: The rescuing, healing grace of the Lord Jesus Christ be with you all.

**All: And also with you.**

One God welcomes us as followers and apostles of Jesus. Jesus came to teach us that God forgives our sins;

**All: God accepts all people as equals.**

One: God encourages us to love each other.

**All: God is present in us always.**

One: God guides us through life's journeys.

**All: Jesus gave us light when we saw only shadows, and now we, in turn, show that light to the world.**

**Opening Prayer:** (together) God of our ancestors and our own generation, we come today to give You praise and to be open to Your call. Where Your call challenges us, give us strength; where Your call disturbs us, assure us; where Your call frightens us, calm our spirits. We pray that we may see and hear Your call to love all people. Amen.

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

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

**Hymn:** *I Love to Tell the Story* 343

## Invitation to the Offering

## Offering

**Offertory Hymn:** *Doxology* 541

**Offertory Prayer:** (together) Living Christ, You show us the cost of discipleship. You offer our poor spirits the kingdom of heaven. With our offering, may You also find we bring to You kind hearts, strength for justice and humility as we walk with You in trust. Bless these gifts in Christ's name. Amen.

## SCRIPTURE READINGS

Isaiah 40: 21-31

Responsive Psalm 147, Part 1 869

## Choral Anthem

**Scripture :** Mark 1 : 29-39

## Sermon

## Sacrament of Holy Communion



**Communion Hymn:** *Bread of Life, Feed My Soul* MV194

**The Great Thanksgiving: (responsive)**

One: The earth is the Lord's and everything in it,

**All: And the Lord's glory covers the earth as the waters over the sea.**

One: The trees of the field clap their hands, the birds of the air sing songs of praise

**All: And if we should fail to express our worship, even the rocks and stones would cry out!**

One: And so, we lift up our hearts, and we lift up our voices and we offer thanksgiving and adoration to the Lord the Creator of all.

**All: Blessed are You, Sovereign of the Universe, for, from seeds sown into the earth You have given us the gift of bread to feed and nourish us.**

**One:** And at Jesus' last meal with His friends, before facing the cross, Our Lord took bread, blessed it and broke it. Then He passed it among them saying: "This is My Body, broken for you. Take and eat, and do this to remember Me.

**All: Blessed are You, Sovereign of the Universe, for, from grapes which grow ripe and sweet on the vine, You have given us the gift of wine to refresh and heal us.**

**One:** And at Jesus' last meal with His friends before facing the cross, Our Lord took the cup of wine and blessed it.....so that we may be transformed into Christ's body, carrying His life, His care and His salvation to all creation. We bind together these and all our prayers into the prayer that Jesus taught us to pray to You, saying:

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

### **Invitation to the Table**

### **Communion**

### **Prayer after Communion**

**Closing Hymn:** *Go to the World*

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### **Blessing & Sending Forth**

**Choral Benediction:** *My Peace*

### **Musical Postlude**

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### **Ushering this week is provided by:**

**Usher in Charge:** Michelle Skinner

**Greeters & Ushers:** Wayne & Sophie Skinner, Jennifer Tremblett & Claire Neary,  
Vanessa & Liam Nichols

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