

# St. James United Church

March 15, 2015: Lent 4: The Year of Hospitality

Minister: Rev. Terrie Burry  
Minister of Visitation: Rev. Pamela Jones-Fitzgerald  
Minister of Youth/Christian Education: Susan Sheppard, DLM  
Music Director: Sophia WerdenAbrams  
Music today: Sight Restored  
Worship Leaders: Rebecca Pike, Katie Vardy  
Emily Nolan, Katelyn Mayo

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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)

One: O God who is greater than the most powerful forces in this world, enable us to be still and know that You are God.

**All: Allow us to feel Your love and presence in all that we do.**

One: O Lord who answers out of the whirlwind of everyday life, breathe in us the Holy Spirit to strengthen, comfort and guide us in the middle of the storm.

**All: For Your strength and courage is what leads us through troubling times.**

One: O, still, small voice speak to us that we might become makers of Your peace in our homes and community.

**All: We pray all this in the name of the one who calmed the raging sea. Amen!**

**Prayer of Approach:** (together) Our Father, who gathers us here this morning, we open our minds to You and seek to hear Your life giving words. Enrich our minds with Your abundant love. This love renews our spirits and enlivens us to be active disciples of Your faithful community. Gather our voices together, as we pray the words taught to us by Your son:

*"Our Father, who art in heaven, Hallowed be Thy name. Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done on earth, as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For Thine is the kingdom, the power and glory, for ever and ever"* Amen.

**Hymn:** *I Have Called You by Your Name* MV161

## Time with Children/Passing Peace/Birthday Pennies

**Hymn:** *My Love Colours Outside the Lines* MV138

**Offering Invitation:** Giver of all that we have and are, take our gifts and use them to make Jesus Christ known, loved and followed, both here and throughout the world.

## Offering Music

**Offering Hymn:** *Tree of Life and Awesome Mystery* 121a, 4th  
*Give us eyes to see You clearly, make us children of Your light;  
Give us heart to live more nearly as Your gospel shining bright,  
As Your gospel shining bright.*

**Presentation:** (together) Compassionate and loving God, accept these gifts so that they may work in our world to soften hard hearts and open closed minds. We know Your kingdom is at work in this world. May compassion, grace and love bless and enliven the ministry these gifts support here in our own community and around the world. Amen.

## Centering Silence

**Epistle:** Ephesians 2:7-10

**Anthem:** *Clouds* Katie, Emily and Katelyn

**Scripture:** Deuteronomy 30: 11-14, 19-20

**Hymn:** *Deep in Our Hearts* MV154

## Meditation and Jr. Liturgical Dancers

**Hymn:** *Called by Earth and Sky* MV135

#### Parting Words: (Responsive)

One: Hold in your heart the certainty that the spirit of life is with you always.

**All: When our hearts are torn asunder or when we soar with sweet joy, we are never alone, never apart, from the spirit that resides within us, that guides our lives and cherishes us always.**

## Blessing Words

### Postlude

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#### Ushering this week is provided by:

**Usher in Charge:** Jean Thompson

**Greeters & Ushers:** Allison Bartlett, Hannah Sheppard,  
Oliver Wellon, Gloria Le Feuvre, Linda Babstock,  
Mary Daya, Olivia Sharpe



#### More information on the GO Project:

The GO Project believes that unique people require unique programs! Based on this, GO prides itself on offering programming outside of the traditional norms of life! For the past 8 years we have been offering programs to youth and their leaders, children and adults.

The GO Project operates with the generosity and partnership of many. At the core of these relationships are host communities, often churches or presbyteries. This core provides financial assistance, energy for the program and places for leadership to stay in advance of the project. You as a volunteer could be involved in many ways: as a driver, a baker, one that does laundry, hosts a staff as a billet, prepares a meal, hosts a pool party, etc.; the possibilities are as great as your imagination!

*The GO Project is such an amazing program that not only joins youth from across Canada, but it makes them into a family. I would absolutely love to be a GO Project participant a million times more! I wouldn't trade this experience for the world. The GO Project teaches us that volunteering is fun and fulfilling, more about ourselves and our faith. I recommend this program to any teenager. - GO Participant 2014*

#### 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.

**The AED (Automated External Defibrillator)** is located in the west side closet of the church foyer. A sign saying such is on the door.