

# St. James United Church

March 8, 2015: Lent 3: The Year of Hospitality  
International Women's Day

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## Musical Prelude

### Welcome and Life and Work of St. James



**Introit:** *We Have Come Into This House*

Choir

### Call to Worship: (responsive)

One: We gather because we are hungry.

**All: We hunger for the love of God.**

One: We gather because we feel lost.

**All: We long to belong.**

One: We gather because we desire something more.

**All: We want to know the goodness of life.**

One: We gather because we hope.

**All: We hope for new life and new living.**

One: We gather to worship, to sing and to pray.

**All: We worship and we listen for God's words of love and belonging,  
promises of goodness and life.**

**.Opening Prayer:** (together) God of the journey, You call us to step forward and take a path of trust. You call us to walk the way 'less travelled.' You promise that You will remember even if we forget. We come today seeking insight into Your ways and guidance for our Lenten journeys. Amen.

**Hymn:** *Holy, Holy, Holy, Lord God Almighty* 315

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

**Hymn:** *God of Grace and God of Glory* 686

## Invitation to the Offering

### Offering

**Offertory Hymn:** *Tree of Life and Awesome Mystery* 121a 3rd  
*Living water of salvation, be the fountain of each soul;  
Springing up in new creation, flow in us and make us whole,  
Flow in us and make us whole.*

**Offertory Prayer:** (together) God of new life, all around us are reminders of Your covenant with creation. Our gifts represent our commitment to Your way of wholeness. Use these offerings to quench thirsty souls, shower Your earth with blessings, and transform hungry hearts. This we give in thankfulness and praise. Amen.

### SCRIPTURE READINGS

Exodus 20: 1-17

Responsive Psalm 19 740

**Anthem:** *I Know a Man Who Can* Choir

**Scripture:** John 2: 13-22

**Hymn:** *Take Time to Be Holy* 672

### Sermon & Prayers of the People

**Hymn:** *Your Hand, O God, Has Guided* 274

### Blessing & Sending Forth

### Postlude

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### Ushering this week is provided by:

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