

This bulletin is dedicated in loving memory of  
a cherished mother, Roma Paul  
(November 30, 1938 – April 27, 2013)  
from Nancy and Anthony.  
And in loving memory of  
Winnie Parsons  
from Louise & Tom Harris

## St. James United Church

May 10, 2015  
Christian Family Sunday

Minister: Rev. Terrie Burry  
Minister of Visitation: Rev. Pamela Jones-Fitzgerald  
Minister of Youth/Christian Education: Susan Sheppard, DLM  
Choir: PWC  
Choir Director: Terry Howlett

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### Musical Prelude

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



### Call to Worship: (responsive)

One: Families are strange things - different shapes, different sizes.

**All: Made sometimes by birth, sometimes by choice.**

One: At their best, families are filled with love, ready to create a safe place, ready to invite others in.

**All: At their worst, families are filled with anger and hurt, frustration and sadness, indifference and fear.**

One: We are Christ's family, sisters and brothers in Christ's love.

**All: In this time, in all times, let us work to be the best family that family can be.**

One: For Christ is risen, Hallelujah!

**All: Christ is risen, indeed. Hallelujah!**

### Opening Prayer: (together)

For our sisters and our brothers, for our fathers and our mothers, for the true families that we have made by choice and by love, we thank You, God. You are the mother and father of us all. Be with us as we worship on this Christian Family Sunday that we might live out our commitment to be the family You intend for us to be. Amen.

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

### Children's Time, The Circle Song & Passing the Peace

**Hymn:** *Draw the Circle Wide* MV145

### Invitation to the Offering

#### Offering

**Offertory Hymn:** *Grant Us, God, the Grace* 540

### Offertory Prayer: (together)

Hearth Builder, we present the gifts of our hands and minds so that they may build the Kin-dom that Jesus proclaimed. May these gifts be used to restore broken homes, to mend fences between ourselves and others, and to bring peace wherever there is a need. Amen.

### PWC Choir Sings

**Scripture:** Acts 10: 44-48

**Psalm:** Responsive Psalm 98 818

**Gospel:** John 15 : 9-17

**Hymn:** *Make a Joyful Noise* 820

### Reflection

### PWC Choir Sings

### Prayers of the People

**Closing Hymn:** *Lord of the Dance* 333

### Blessing & Sending Forth, followed by Musical Postlude

**Ushering this week is provided by:**

**Usher in Charge:** Daphne Coish

**Greeters:** Muriel Cole, Nina Abbott

**Ushers:** Barbara Adams, Jean White, Vera Marshall, Glenda Butt