

This bulletin is dedicated in memory of
Bethany Danielle Pike
(January 8, 1988 – May 27, 2008)
with love from Stephen, Susan, Rebecca and family.

St. James United Church

May 31, 2015

Laity Sunday

Service conducted by St. James' Men's Service Club (AOTS)

Theme: God's Wonderful World

Service Leader:	Leslie Dean
Minister:	Rev. Terrie Burry
Minister of Visitation:	Rev. Pamela Jones-Fitzgerald
Minister of Youth/Christian Education:	Susan Sheppard, DLM
Organist:	Amy Dalziel
Choir:	AOTS Men's Choir
Choir Director:	Doreen Brown
Children's Time Leader:	Mrs. Daphne Coish

Please remain seated comfortably until invited to stand.

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Welcome and Life and Work of St. James

Introit: *God Says*



Choir

Call to Worship: (responsive)

One: Dear gracious and loving God we come into Your sanctuary to give thanks for the blessings of a new day and to glorify Your Holy Name.

All: We hear Your voice being carried on the wind, O God, and in the wonders of morning's awakening we ponder the mysteries of Your tender love and mercy.

One: Throughout the ages You have given us the strength to face the challenges of each new day, O God, and in the very passage of time itself You grant us the courage and humility to seek new hopes and to dream new dreams.

All: An enriching and rewarding life is one that fulfills its mission in this world; that is what God made it to be and does what God made it to do. For the smallest life that fills its place well is far more lovelier in God's sight than the largest and most splendidly gifted life that yet fails of its divine mission. Be with us, O Lord, as we worship and pray to Your glorious name.

Opening Prayer: (together)

Our days are like rich summer fields as God gives them to us. The minutes are blooming flowers and silvery grass blades and stalks of wheat with their gems of golden grains. The hours are trees with their rich foliage. or vines with their blossom - prophecies of purple clusters. Oh the fair, blessed possibilities of the days and hours and minutes as they come to us from God's hands. But what did each of us do with yesterday? How does the little acre of that one day look to us now? What are we doing with our time? Every moment God gives us has in it a possibility of beauty as well as something to be accounted for. Let us cherish each moment of each day and thank God for this wonderful world. Let us all give thanks for the precious time we have to do good deeds and to worship God's glorious name! Amen

Hymn: *Morning Has Broken* 409

Children's Time

Hymn: *I Love to Tell the Story* 343

Invitation to the Offering: Leader

O glorious and mighty God, through the changing of the seasons we see Your mysterious presence in all the world around us; in the whispering wind; the billowing sea; the birds of the air; and the flowers of the fields. These are Your gifts, O God, bestowed by You alone so that each of us can better enjoy the mysteries and blessings of life. In return we offer our gifts to further the work of Your kingdom and Your glorious name. Let us give with humble hearts knowing that there are many who walk in darkness and who need Your shining light to guide their way.

Offertory Anthem: *I Walk With His Hand in Mine* Choir

Offertory Hymn: *Spirit of Life* 381

Offertory Prayer: (together)

We give thanks O God knowing that the work of Your kingdom needs many helping hands and the gifts of our labours. Always You remind us that the single lily of the field is as precious in Your sight as the bountiful fruit of a thousand harvests. Give us the spirit and strength to serve Your holy name and to be ever mindful that only joyful and unselfish hearts can further the work of Your kingdom. This we pray to Your glorious name. Amen.

Hymn: *Spirit, Spirit of Gentleness* 375

THE WORD OF GOD

Old Testament Lesson: Hebrews 11 : 1-16 Eric King

Responsive Reading: Psalm 98, R2 818

Anthem: *Near to the Heart of God*

Gospel Lesson: Luke 9: 23-27

Hymn: *Jesus, Keep Me Near the Cross* 142

Meditation Commitment Ross Pilgrim

Anthem: *At An Altar of Prayer*

Pastoral Prayer/The Lord's Prayer

Closing Hymn: *My Life Flows On* 716

Benediction

Outroit: *My Peace*

Musical Postlude



Ushering this week is provided by:

Usher in Charge: June Jones

Greeters: Betty Winsor, Shirley Bursey

Ushers: Dorothy Hapgood, Florence Head,
Joyce Hill, Edna Bemister

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