

This bulletin is dedicated in celebration of  
our marriage on June 6, 2015  
from Richard & Terrie Jackson.

## St. James United Church

June 7, 2015/Baptism

Today we celebrate 90 years of the Mission and Ministry of the  
United Church of Canada

Minister: Rev. Terrie Jackson  
Minister of Visitation: Rev. Pamela Jones-Fitzgerald  
Minister of Youth/Christian Education: Susan Sheppard, DLM  
Choir: Senior  
Music Director: Amy Dalziel  
Band: Sight Restored

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### Musical Prelude

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



Introit: *When I Survey the Wondrous Cross, v.1*

Choir

### Call to Worship: (responsive)

One: The Lord be with you.

**All: And also with you.**

One: Lift up your hearts.

**All: We lift them up to God.**

One: This is the day that God has made.

**All: Let us rejoice and be glad in it.**

One: Come let us worship our God!

### Opening Prayer: (responsive)

One: Holy One, this day marks 90 years of being The United Church of Canada. We gather and give thanks for the times when we have been communities of Christ Followers who have made way for inclusion, compassion, justice, and care to be known.

**All: We celebrate this morning how the church has worked toward living into right relationship with each other and mending the world. We also recognize that the other side of joy is sorrow, as we receive Your grace when we have tried and failed to live out this love in action. (Silence)**

One: We pause to honor those who have gone before us: leaders, educators, preachers, administrators, caregivers, dishwashers, builders, bakers, storytellers, peacemakers, musicians, and so many more - all part of the cloud of witnesses. We take a minute of silence to remember them. (Silence) especially those who have been a part of this congregation, St. James United.

**All: As we lean into the future, trusting in the Spirit's guidance, we honor the United Church's deep desire to live in right relationship with the earth and its people. We are excited to share in the joy of journeying together in hope. May God's possibilities abound. Amen.**

Hymn: *Joyful, Joyful We Adore You* 232

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

### Presentation of Sunday School Certificates

Baptismal Hymn: *A Little Child the Saviour Came* 445

### Sacrament of Holy Baptism

### Presentation

### Parents' Baptismal Vows



### Congregational Commitment (together, standing as you are able):

We have heard the will of the parents. We receive these children in Christ's name as we ourselves have been received. We all belong to the one household of Christ. We will support these parents and these children through prayer, and provide a community of faith in which they are welcome to belong. May we serve God's world together. Amen.

Affirmation of Faith: A New Creed 918

### Prayer of Thanksgiving & Pouring of the Water

### Action of Baptism

**Maria Kathryn Hong**, daughter of Kathryn Josephine Adams Hong & Danny Hong, and

**Ava Marie Blackmore**, daughter of Lori-Lynn Mayne & Curtis Blackmore.

**Blessing:** (together) May God bless you and keep you. May God's face shine upon you and be gracious to you. May God look upon you with kindness and give you peace.

**Invitation to the Offering:**

One: The soul sister of joy is gratitude. Let us now show this as we take up our offerings and share our tithes and gifts.

**Offering:** *River Running in You and Me (MV 163)* Choir

**Offertory Hymn:** *Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow* 541

**Offertory Prayer:** (together) On this 90<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Sunday, O God, we give to You the work of our hands and our hearts. Through Your grace and by Your love may we continue to inspire, create and spread the Good News of the gospel to Your Kingdom. Amen.

**SCRIPTURE READINGS**

**Epistle:** 1 John 1: 1-4

**Psalm:** Psalm 16: 11

One: Hear what the Spirit is saying to the church.

**All : Thanks be to God.**

**Anthem :** *A New Creed* Choir & Slight Restored

**Gospel:** John 2 : 19-21

**Hymn:** *All People That on Earth Do Dwell* 822

**Meditation**

**Prayers of the People:** Response: And teach us how to joy.

**Closing Hymn:** *The Church's One Foundation* 331

**Blessing & Sending Forth**

One: Be blessed with God's joy on this journey, Christ's strength for the way, the Spirit's call to new possibilities each day. Go in peace. Amen.

**Choral Benediction:** *When I Survey the Wondrous Cross, v.4* Choir

**Musical Postlude**