

This bulletin is dedicated in loving memory of
Reubena (Ruby) Soper, June 17, 2006
from Rodney & Annie Soper.
Memories live forever.

St. James United Church

June 14, 2015, Communion/3rd Sunday after Pentecost

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Musical Presentation:	The Sheppard family

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Musical Prelude

Welcome and Life and Work of St. James



Call to Worship: (responsive)

One: Each one of us is a precious seed anointed by God to flourish through human living.

All: It is a human living within the Body of Christ.

One: What we see is often not what it can be.

All: Come; let us draw near to our God of Love.

Opening Prayer: (together) Source of Life and Love, You call us to gather in groups small and large. You promise to be in the midst of us, wherever and whenever we come together. We praise You with song and movement, offering joy and thanksgiving. May all we do and are, glorify You and reveal Your love. And may our love be genuine and transforming. In Christ's holy name, we pray. Amen.

Hymn: *O Worship the King* 235

Children's Time, the Circle Song and Passing of the Peace

Prayer of Confession: (responsive)

One: Hear us, O Holy One, as we make our confession:

We confess our impatience in waiting,

All: our stubbornness in turning away from You,

One: our pride in our own knowledge,

All: our reluctance to walk in Your way,

One: our failure to place our hope in You.

All: We come seeking Your forgiveness, knowing Your Spirit abides with us still. (silent prayer)

One: Amen.

Words of Assurance: (responsive)

One: Into the dryness of our troubled world,

All: God sends a soaking shower of blessings.

One: Into the anxiety that surrounds us,

All: God breathes the calm of compassion.

One: Into the struggle of faith community,

All: God brings the searching light of hope.

One: Into the uncertainty, the apathy, and the challenge that mark our journey,

All: God gently eases an affirming love that leaves time and limitations in the dust. Amen.

Offertory Invitation

Offering: *Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow* 541

Offertory Prayer: (together) Gift of Life, receive the gifts we offer today. May they be used to restore, to build up and to proclaim the Good News that is found within our hearts, and may these gifts be used so others may experience the Good News that lives for all time. Amen.

Hebrew Scripture: 1 Samuel 15:34 - 16:13

Musical Presentation: The Sheppard family

Epistle: 2 Corinthians 5: 6-10. 14-17

Gospel: Mark 4:26-34

Hymn: *Jesus Bids Us Shine* 585

Reflection

Sacrament of Holy Communion

Communion Hymn: *We Gather Here*

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The Great Thanksgiving: (responsive)

One: The Spirit of God be with you all.

All: And also with you.

One: Lift up your hearts;

All: We lift them to God.

One: Give thanks to our God!

All: All our thanks, all our praise!



One: Holy God, Holy One, Holy Three! Before all that is, You were God.....And this is our song as we say together:

All: Holy, Holy, Holy, God, our life, our mercy, our might. Heaven and earth are full of Your glory. Save us, we pray, You beyond all. Blessed is the One who comes in Your name. Save us, we pray, You beyond all.

One: Holy God, Holy One, Holy Three! You beyond the galaxies.....Your justice our strength, Your grace our path to rebirth. And so we cry, Mercy:

All: Mercy!

One: And so we cry, Glory:

All: Glory!

One: And so we cry, Blessing:

All: Blessing!

One: Holy God, we beg for Your Spirit. Enliven this bread, awaken this body.....make us, despite death, alive. And so we cry, Come, Holy Spirit:

All: Come, Holy Spirit!

One: And so the church shouts, Come, Holy Spirit:

All: Come, Holy Spirit!

One: And so the earth pleads, Come, Holy Spirit:

All: Come, Holy Spirit!

One: You, Holy God, Holy One, Holy Three! Praise now, praise tomorrow, praise forever. And so we cry. Amen.

Invitation to the Table

Communion

Prayer after Communion

Closing Hymn: *There's a Voice in the Wilderness*

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Blessing & Sending Forth

Musical Postlude

