

St. James United Church

July 19, 2015, Communion/8th Sunday after Pentecost

Minister: Rev. Terrie Jackson
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Music Director: Amy Dalziel
Musical Presentation: Emma Clark, Trumpet

Please remain seated comfortably until invited to stand.

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Musical Prelude

Welcome and Life and Work of St. James



Call to Worship: (responsive)

One: Come, people of God, for you have great power:

All: power to love or not love,

One: power to live faithfully or not,

All: power to center on self or God.

One: Let us worship God so that our use of power

All: draws us ever deeper into Christ's love.

Opening Prayer: (together) Source of Life and Love, You call us to gather in groups of 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: *Let Us Build a House* MV 1

Celebrating Relationships: Circle Song, Passing the Peace, Children's Time

Hymn: *Shall We Gather at the River* 710

Invitation to the Offering and Offering

Offertory Hymn: *Be Thou My Vision (V. 4)* 642

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.

Scripture Readings: 2 Samuel 7: 1-14a

Musical Offering: *Point Pelee* Emma Clark

Responsive Psalm 89:

One: I have found My servant David; with My holy oil I have anointed him.

All: My hand shall always remain with him; My arm also shall strengthen him.

One: The enemy shall not outwit him, the wicked shall not humble him.

All: I will crush his foes before him and strike down those who hate him.

One: My faithfulness and steadfast love shall be with him; and in My name his horn shall be exalted.

All: I will set his hand on the sea and his right hand on the rivers.

One: He shall cry to Me, 'You are my Father, my God, and the Rock of my salvation!'

All: I will make him the firstborn, the highest of the kings of the earth.

One: Forever I will keep My steadfast love for him, and My covenant with him will stand firm.

All: I will establish his line forever and his throne as long as the heavens endure.

One: If his children forsake My law and do not walk according to My ordinances,

All: if they violate My statutes and do not keep My commandments,

One: then I will punish their transgression with the rod and their iniquity with scourges

All: but I will not remove from him My steadfast love, or be false to My faithfulness.

One: I will not violate My covenant, or alter the word that went forth from My lips.

All: Once and for all I have sworn by My holiness; I will not lie to David.

One: His line shall continue forever, and his throne endure before me like the sun.

All: It shall be established forever like the moon, an enduring witness in the Skies.

Gospel: Mark 6:30-34, 53-56

Sermon

Hymn: *Jesus, You Have Come to the Lakeshore* 563

Sacrament of Holy Communion



Invitation

The Great Thanksgiving: (responsive)

One: May God be with you. **All:** And also with you.
One: Lift up your hearts. **All:** We lift them up to the Holy One.
One: Let us give thanks. **All:** It is right to give our thanks and praise.

One: God of the summer's day and the season,

All: Praise and wonder be.

One: God of the lingering sunset and early dawn,

All: Praise and wonder be.

One: God of the north wind and the refreshing shower, God of the shady tree and the cool water bag, God of the ripening harvest and sparkling sea,

All: Praise and wonder be.

One: All creation blesses the Source of Energy and Life... ..And for all non human minds and hearts, paws and claws, fins and wings,

All: Praise and wonder be.

One: So we join our praise with all Your people across the generations, saying:

All: Holy, holy, holy, Celebrating God, heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest.

One: Blessed is the one who comes in the name of God.

All: Hosanna in the highest.

One: In our praise and thanksgiving we also remember the ways of Jesus.....asking his disciples to remember him.

Blessing:

One: Be present with us now, Enfolding God..... Bless us with the patience and daring of the mystics.

All: Abide with us always. Abide with us in our daily work. Abide with us when we rest. Abide with us in our journeying. Abide with us at all times and through eternity.

Communion

Prayer after Communion (together) Generous Giver of life, you supply us with all good things. May this bread and wine be the nourishment we seek, and may it transform us into disciples who serve in your creation.

Closing Hymn: *Pass Me Not, O Gentle Saviour*

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Blessing & Sending Forth followed by Musical Postlude