

St. James United Church

July 26, 2015
9th Sunday after Pentecost

Minister: Rev. Terrie Jackson
Minister of Visitation: Rev. Pamela Jones-Fitzgerald
Minister of Youth/Christian Education: Susan Sheppard, DLM
Music Director: Sophia Werden Abrams
Musical Presentation: Brenda Nyatanga

Please remain seated comfortably until invited to stand.
Please turn off your cell phone during the Service.



Musical Prelude

Welcome and Life & Work of the Church

Call to Worship: (Responsive)

One: Come, for a taste of eternity in the small wonders of this moment.

All: Breathe in the goodness of God. This is a time for summer's blessings and the day's gifts of beauty.

One: Come, for a time of rest in the Sabbath's words of reassurance and hope.

All: Welcome scripture and story, ancient friends, and new ways of understanding.

One: Come, share in the treasure God creates here and now. This is our Sabbath day: feast on the holiness and joy that God gives to nourish our souls.

Opening Prayer: (together)

Loving God, we thank you for our friends here. We are grateful for their caring and their wisdom, their humor and the talents they generously share with us. We thank you for new friends in our midst; excited for the opportunity to get to know them better. May our service today make us ever closer companions on the Christian journey. Amen.

Hymn: *Rejoice, the Lord Is King* 213

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

Hymn: *Jesus Loves Me* 365

Offering Invitation

Offering

Offertory Hymn: *Be Thou My Vision, v.4* 642

Offertory Prayer: (together)

Teach us, God, to offer the very best of who we are in the service of your will through the mission of this church: may we offer hope, may we offer joy, may we offer reconciliation in a world so much in need. Receive what we give for the sake of Jesus Christ. Amen.

SCRIPTURE READINGS

2 Samuel 11: 1-15

Responsive Psalm 14, p. 735

Anthem: *Hosanna and Jesu Ibako Rangu* Brenda Nyatanga
(Jesus My Hiding Place)

John 6: 1-21

Hymn: *Walk with Me* 649

Sermon & Prayers of Thanksgiving and Concern

Hymn: *I Feel the Winds of God* 625

Blessing and Sending Forth

Musical Postlude

Ushering this week is provided by:

Usher in Charge: Ross Pilgrim
Greeters: Ross & Betty Pilgrim
Ushers: Joan Barbour, Baxter House, Phil Saunders, Rosemary White & Joyce Hill.

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Summer hours at St. James:

****Summer Worship Time Change** to 10am continues until August 30th inclusive.

****Office hours for the summer**, July 6 – August 20 are Monday – Thursday, 8.30am – 12..30pm/1-4pm.

The AED has been moved and is now located in a cabinet hanging on wall outside of the side door to the sanctuary.

Today's service is being recorded and will be aired on VOWR this evening.

St. James United is initiating community programming including low- to no-cost barbecues, cooking classes, and social get togethers for low-income families. We would greatly appreciate donations of baking supplies (such as flour, sugar, baking soda, etc.), or disposable plates, cutlery, and napkins. We are also in search of volunteers with a love of or experience with cooking who would be willing to lend their talent to these endeavours. The anticipated start time of these programs is late August. If this is something in which you'd like to participate, or if you are interested in donating goods, please contact Chelsea Skanes at the church office [722-1881](tel:722-1881) ext 200.

An account has been set up at the Recycling Depot on O'Leary Avenue for the GO Project. If you have any refundable cans or bottles for recycling that you wish to donate, please bring them along to the O'Leary Avenue location at the back of Car Quest Auto Supplies building, and let them know they are for the 'GO Project.' Hours of operation for the depot are Monday-Friday 9am-4:45pm and Saturday 8:45am-4:45pm

St. James is initiating a Little Free Library that will be open to the community. This library will work on a "take a book, leave a book" principle. Please feel free to bring gently used books to the wooden cabinet in the side door lobby, and to take a book as you leave. If you have any questions or would like to make a donation, please call the church office at 722-1881 ext 200.

Summer Photo Challenge: We are inviting everyone to take part in our summer challenge! We want you to pull out your cell phone or camera, and photo document the places where, or people whom, you saw or experienced God this summer. During September we will gather the photos (with a short written explanation if you wish) and compile them into a photo exhibit for Thanksgiving Sunday. We hope everyone will take part.