

St. James United Church

August 30th, 2015
14th Sunday after Pentecost

Minister: Rev. Terrie Jackson
Minister of Visitation: Rev. Pamela Jones-Fitzgerald
Minister of Youth/Christian Education: Susan Sheppard, DLM
Music Directors: Amy Dalziel
Sophia Werden Abrams
Musical Presentation: Spencer Hartman, flute

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: We are called, every one of us.

All: We are called by the Creator to listen to Holy Wisdom.

One: We are called to recognize goodness wherever and whenever it makes its epiphany,

All: Wherever and whenever love appears.

Opening Prayer: (together)

God of the morning, God of the dawning of creation, help us to know that we are creatures of Your making; sisters and brothers of the waters and trees and grasses and rocks; brothers and sisters of the birds and fish and animals. We are made in Your image, we are loved, we are precious in Your sight. Help us to choose what You choose, so that our very living is an act of worship. Amen.

Hymn: *Praise to the Lord, the Almighty* 220

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

Hymn: *Deep in Our Hearts* MV154

Invitation to the Offering

Offering *God of the Bible (MV28)* Spencer Hartman, flute
Amy Dalziel, piano

Offertory Hymn: *In Gratitude and Humble Trust*

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Offertory Prayer: (together)

May these gifts, representing our time, our talent and our treasure, be transformed by Your blessing, O God, that instead of hunger there may be sustenance, instead of thirst there may be abundance, that instead of sorrow there may be joy. Amen.

Hebrew Scripture: Song of Songs 2: 8-13

Responsive Psalm: Psalm 45 769

Anthem: *Be Still My Soul* Spencer Hartman, flute
Amy Dalziel, piano

Gospel: John 6: 56-69

Hymn: *As the Deer*

"As the deer pants for the water, so my soul longs after You;
You alone are my heart's desire and I long to worship You.

*You alone are my strength my shield to You alone may my spirit yield;
You alone are my heart's desire and I long to worship You.*

I want You more than gold or silver, only You can satisfy;
You alone are the real joy giver and the apple of my eye.

You're my friend and You are my brother even though You are a king;
I love You more than any other so much more than anything."

Sermon Susan Sheppard, DLM

Prayers of Thanksgiving and Concern

Hymn: *Love Divine, All Loves Excelling* 333

Blessing and Sending Forth

Musical Postlude

Ushering this week is provided by:

Usher in Charge: David Hapgood
Ushers: Dorothy Hapgood, Claire Neary, Jennifer Tremblett, Jim Inder

