

St. James United Church

August 9th, 2015, Communion/11th Sunday after Pentecost

Minister: Rev. Terrie Jackson
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Musical Presentation: Louis House

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: Surely God is in this place!

All: We have come to thank God for the summer beauty of pond and forest.

One: Surely God is in this place!

All: We have come to thank God for all the joy that is ours in friendship and with family.

One: Surely God is in this place!

All: We have come to thank God for our churches and the fellowship we find in our faith communities.

One: Surely God is in this place!

All: We have come to thank God's promised presence with us, in time and beyond time. We have come to worship God, for surely God is in this place.

Opening Prayer: (together) O God, maker of all things, both great and small, be with us now as we offer you our thanks and praise. For you are the Giver of life, Sustainer of our being, and the One who renews all things. Amen.

Hymn: *We Are One* 402

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

Hymn: *Jesus Loves Me* 365

Invitation to the Offering and Offering

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

Offertory Prayer: (together) God of Grace and Glory, we come before you with arms outstretched to heal. May these gifts become caring and hope for the hurting. Enable us to reach out in compassion and understanding as our offerings are shared with those who are our brothers and sisters. Praise to You! Amen.

Hearing God's Word

Prayer for Illumination (together): Let your Word be for us, O God, the bread of life and the water that quenches our thirst for you. Amen.

Psalm 130

Epistle Reading: Ephesians 4:25-5:2

Anthem: Snow in Summer, Rain at Harvest

Gospel Reading: John 6: 35, 41-51

Meditation

Hymn: *We Gather Here* 469

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 bog, 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:



