

# St. James United Church

August 16<sup>th</sup>, 2015  
12<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost/Baptism

Minister: Rev. Terrie Jackson  
Minister of Visitation: Rev. Pamela Jones-Fitzgerald  
Minister of Youth/Christian Education: Susan Sheppard, DLM  
Music Director: Sophia WerdenAbrams  
Musical Presentation: Bob & Jean Rose

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

## Musical Prelude

## Welcome & Life & Work of St. James



### Call to Worship: (responsive)

One: We come, breathing in God's invitation, breathing out our joyful acceptance.

**All: We come to celebrate in sacrament and in song, in word and in prayer.**

One: We come as a community of faith, building upon Christ's sure foundation.

**All: We come welcomed and welcoming, daring to listen and to act.**

One: We come, filled in prayer- our intimate connection to the Spirit's leading.

**All: We come as people gathered in God's warm embrace to live 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 and reveal your love. And may our love be genuine and transforming. In Christ's holy name we pray. Amen.

**Hymn:** *Seek Ye First the Kingdom* 356

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

**Baptismal Hymn:** *I Have Called You by Your Name* 161

## Sacrament of Holy Baptism



## Presentation

## Parents' Baptismal Vows

**Congregational Commitment (together, standing as you are able): Psalm:**

Responsive Psalm 111 833

**Anthem :** *Steal Away* Jean Rose

**Scripture:** John 6 : 51-58

**Hymn:** *In the Bulb There Is a Flower* 703

## Sermon & Prayers of Thanksgiving and Concern

**Closing Hymn:** *Be Thou My Vision* 642

## Blessing & Sending Forth

## Musical Postlude

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### Ushering this week is provided by:

**Usher in Charge:** Dave Hapgood

**Ushers:** Dorothy Hapgood, Stephen Pike, Phil Saunders, Baxter House

**We are a caring community:** It is important to us that those in need of prayers and pastoral care receive it. If you know of people in need, we encourage you to have them, or a member of their immediate family, contact us personally.

### Help Us To Help You

<input type="checkbox"/> We have sickness in our family	<input type="checkbox"/> I would like a call from a Minister	<input type="checkbox"/> I would like to receive The Visitor
<input type="checkbox"/> I am interested	<input type="checkbox"/> I would like to discuss full	<input type="checkbox"/> I have changed my address

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We have heard the will of the parents. We receive these children in Christ's name as we ourselves have been received. We all belong to the one household of Christ. We will support these parents and these children through prayer, and provide a community of faith in which they are welcome to belong. May we serve God's world together. Amen.

**Affirmation of Faith:**      A New Creed      918

### **Prayer of Thanksgiving & Pouring of the Water**

#### **Action of Baptism**

**Lydia Elizabeth Keel**, daughter of Erika Elizabeth Neville & Jonathan Samuel Garland Keel

**Jacob Thomas Walsh**, son of Tonia Gloria Walsh & Terrence Patrick Walsh

**Blessing:** (together)

May God bless you and keep you. May God's face shine upon you and be gracious to you. May God look upon you with kindness and give you peace.

### **Invitation to the Offering**

**Offering**      *The Lord Bless You*      Jean Rose

**Offertory Hymn:** *In Gratitude and Humble Trust*      544

**Offertory Prayer:** (together)

In response to the love you have so freely and generously given us, we bring our gifts to You. May they be multiplied and bear fruit for Your use here at St. James as well as in the farthest reaches of the world. Amen.

### **SCRIPTURE READINGS**

**Epistle:**      1 Kings 2: 10-12, 3: 3-14