

St. James United Church

September 27th, 2015, Creation IV

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
Choir: Senior

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

Musical Prelude

Welcome and Life and Work of St. James



Call to Worship: (responsive)

One: Here we come to experience the presence of God. Here we seek to be inspired for the week ahead. Here we enter to look for ways to be transformed by the Holy Spirit.

All: Here we gather: to feel the winds of God, to sense the power of the Spirit, to find the truth of Christ for our lives.

Opening Prayer: (together)

Loving Creator of all this is and all that will be, we thank You for the journey that has been and the journey yet to come. Be with us now as we worship. Open our hearts to Your presence this day and each day. May we praise Your name forever, in word, in song, in silent adoration. In the name of the risen Christ, we pray. Amen.

Hymn: *For the Beauty of the Earth* 226

Children's Time, Circle Song & Passing of the Peace

Hymn: *Spirit, Spirit of Gentleness* 375

Minute for Mission & Invitation to the Offering

Offertory Hymn: *Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow* 541

Offertory Prayer: (together)

Loving God, we pray that You will accept these gifts brought forward here and the gifts of PAR, as you have accepted our lives in service to You. They come with love, compassion, and a fire for seeing Your kingdom within and around us. We offer them in the name of Jesus Christ, who in service to You and to us, gave us all He had to give. Amen.

Hearing God's Word

Scripture: Esther 7: 1-6, 9-10 and 9: 20-22

Responsive Psalm: Psalm 124, refrain 1 848

Anthem: *For the Beauty of the Earth* Choir
John Rutter

Gospel: Mark 9: 38-50

Hymn: *Spirit, Open My Heart* MV79

Sermon & Prayers of Thanksgiving and Concern

Closing Hymn: *Go, Make a Difference* MV209

Blessing & Sending Forth

Musical Postlude



Ushering this week is provided by:

Usher in Charge: Kim Mayo
Greeters: Katelyn Mayo, Kennedy Collins
Ushers: Kim & Gerry Mayo, Laura Mayo, Shirley Feltham

Accessibility at St. James United Church:

Hearing Devices – Wheelchairs
Enlarged Bulletins - AED(Automated External Defibrillator)
If you wish to use one of the above services that we offer, please speak with one of our ushers and they will be happy to assist you.