

# St. James United Church

September 6<sup>th</sup>, 2015

15<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost/Baptism/Labour Day Sunday

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: Danielle Grundy, French horn  
Spencer Hartman, piano

**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: As we gather together we come to this one place;

**All: where our journeys overlap and where our week starts, we find rest.**

One: Let us celebrate God's presence as we worship together.

**All: May we be open to the movement of the Spirit.**

## Opening Prayer: (together)

On this Labour Day Sunday, inspire us, Lord. Meet us, uplift us, challenge us, inspire us. On this final weekend of summer, as the busyness of fall beckons, inspire us, Lord, to place our lives in Your hands. We come to worship You, our God. Amen.

**Hymn:** *Lord of the Dance* 352

## Children's Time, The Circle Song and Passing of the Peace

**Baptismal Hymn:** *Jesus Loves Me* 365

## Sacrament of Holy Baptism

## Presentation

## Parents' Baptismal Vows



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

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

**Parker Joseph Raymond Whitty**, son of Tina Marie Williams & Graham Gerard Whitty;

**Grace Jessie Parmiter**, daughter of Jennifer Lynn Jewer & James George Parmiter;

**Henry Thomas Earle**, son of Krista Nichole Jordan & Henry Thomas Earle.

## 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

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

## Offertory Prayer: (together)

In labour, we have brought forth these gifts. It is hard to give what we consider our own, yet we ask Your blessing for what we return to You, O God. May we, in our giving, grow closer in communion with You, helping to transform the world one relationship at a time. Amen.

**Scripture:** Proverbs 22: 1-2, 8-9, 22-23

**Psalm:** Responsive Psalm 125 849

**Anthem :** *Morceau de Concert* Spencer Hartman  
by C. Saint-Saens Danielle Grundy

**Gospel:** Mark 7: 24-37

**Hymn:** *O for a Thousand Tongues to Sing* 326

**Sermon & Prayers of Thanksgiving and Concern**

**Closing Hymn:** *Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah*

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**Blessing & Sending Forth**

**Musical Postlude**

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**Ushering this week is provided by:**

**Usher in Charge:** Oliver Wellon

**Greeters:** Claire Neary, Jennifer Tremblett,

**Ushers:** Beulah Riche, Bruce Hunt, Phil Saunders