

# St. James United Church

November 9<sup>th</sup>, 2015, Communion in celebration of Seniors

Minister:	Rev. Terrie Jackson
Minister of Visitation:	Rev. Pamela Jones-Fitzgerald
Minister of Youth/Christian Education:	Susan Sheppard, DLM
Choir:	UCW
Organist and Choir Director:	Doreen Brown
Musical Duet:	Glenda Winsor Susan Sheppard
Reader:	Trevor Bartlett

**Please remain seated comfortably throughout the entire service.**

**Please turn off your cell phone during the Service.**

## Musical Prelude

## Welcome and Life and Work of St. James



### Call to Worship: (responsive)

One: Welcome, God invites you to the beauty and peacefulness of this holy place.

**All: Some of us have been away for quite a time; some of us have been here recently. Regardless, this is a holy place where we feel God's presence and God's Spirit.**

One: God gathers us in and calls each of us by name.

**All: It is here that friendships are renewed, that the seniors of St. James gather. We are a community of faith-filled people and we welcome God's love and light in our time together.**

One: Come then, as we gather, let us celebrate our Christian journey together in scripture, song, food and faith. Let us worship God!

**Opening Prayer:** (together) Gracious and Loving God, we are so thankful to be gathered again as Your people in the beauty of this sanctuary. We all have been away for many reasons, but today we are back and longing again for Your renewed presence in our lives. We ask for Your strength, Your courage, Your love, Your grace, so that these moments will refresh our souls and faith in You. Amen.

**Hymn:** *What a Friend We Have in Jesus* 664

**Prayer of Confession:** (together) Holy and gracious God, gathered as Your people responding to Your call, we confess:

The self that is not aware of sinning;

The heart that is too hardened to repent;

The pride that dares not admit it is wrong;

The righteousness that knows no fault;

The callousness that has ceased to care;

The blindness that can see nothing but its own will.

God, in Your healing love, forgive us; through our Saviour, Jesus Christ. Amen.

### Prayer for Pardon:

One: Merciful One, our hearts long for Your forgiveness. Touch us with Your healing, cleanse us of our guilt, renew our spirits, that we may serve You with joy all our days. Amen.

## Scripture Readings

**Psalm:** Psalm 138 860

**Anthem:** *Turn Your Eyes Upon Jesus* Choir

**Gospel Reading:** Matthew 5: 1-12a

**Hymn:** *Precious Lord, Take My Hand* 670

### Reflection

**Duet:** *His Eye is on the Sparrow* Glenda Winsor  
Susan Sheppard

### Pastoral Prayer & The Lord's Prayer

**Hymn:** *Here, O My Lord, I See You Face to Face* 459

## Sacrament of Holy Communion

### Invitation

### The Great Thanksgiving: (responsive)



One: The Lord be with you.

**All: And also with you.**

One: Lift up your hearts.

**All: We lift them up to the Lord.**

One: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**All: It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

One: We give You thanks O God.....through Him all glory and honour are Yours, almighty God, with the Holy Spirit in the Holy Church, now and forever. Amen.

**Silence**

**Prayers of the people and the Lord's Prayer**

**Communion**

**Prayer after Communion** (together) Generous Giver of life, you supply us with all good things. May this bread and wine be the nourishment we seek, and may it transform us into disciples who serve in Your creation. Amen.

**Closing Hymn:** *O Master, Let Me Walk with Thee* 560

**Blessing and Sending Forth**

**Musical Postlude**

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**Ushering today is provided by:**

Jack & Judy Jones, Clyde Flight, Chelsea Skanes, Jean Thompson,  
Rev. Bill Bartlett, SuAn Randall, Margaret & Bryce Hodder

Please join us in the Auditorium after the Service for lunch, hosted by our AOTS, and musical entertainment by the St. James Guitar Group.