

This bulletin is dedicated in loving memory of
Bethany, as we remember her birthday,
January 8, 1988,
from Susan, Stephen and Rebecca.

St. James United Church

January 10, 2016/Epiphany II/Baptism of Jesus

Minister: Rev. Terrie Jackson
Minister of Visitation: Rev. Pamela Jones-Fitzgerald
Minister of Youth/Christian Education: Susan Sheppard, DLM
Choir: Youth and AOTS
Choir Director: Doreen Brown
Music Directors: Amy Dalziel
Sophia Werden Abrams

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Musical Prelude

Welcome & Life & Work of St. James

Passing the Peace of Christ:

One: The peace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you.

All: And also with you.

(You are invited to share in signs of peace with your neighbours.)



Introit: *God, we thank You for the morning*

Choir

Call to Worship (responsive)

One: Holy One, we come rejoicing in Your gift of song.

All: You sang at creation's birth and sent prophets to teach us to sing along.

One: Your prophets were too often ignored, and many of your children sang a discordant tune that left people broken and wounded.

All: You sent Jesus to teach us a new song of redemption, a song of mercy and love.

One: As we gather here, we are grateful for creation's chorus and we are grateful to Jesus for showing us anew what it means to be the people of God.

All: Praise the Lord; Let us worship God in word and in song.

Opening Prayer: (together) God, You cast Your mind upon the void, You sent Your spirit out upon the unshaped chaos, like a dove upon the waters, and lo, all things that have being were made. We, too, are part of this great Creation. In each of us shines a thousand stars, for we are made of stardust, too. Speak into the hearts which open here. Speak and create us once again. In Jesus' name we ask it. Amen.

Hymn: *Songs of Thankfulness and Praise* 101

The Circle Song & Children's Time

Hymn: *Christ, When for Us You Were Baptized* 99

Minute for Mission & Invitation to the Offering

Offering

Offertory Hymn: *Spirit of Life* 381

Offertory Prayer (together) Though we do not bear gifts of gold, frankincense and myrrh, we offer ourselves and what we have. We remember our baptismal vows, to worship and serve the living Christ and become Your voice of love in the world. Amen.

Scripture Readings

Hebrew Scripture: Isaiah 43:1-7

Responsive Psalm: Psalm 29 756

Anthem: *Dance on the Water* Youth

Gospel: Luke 3: 15-17, 21-22

Sermon

Communion Hymn: *All Who Hunger* 460

Sacrament of Holy Communion

One: The earth is the Lord's and everything in it,

All: and the Lord's glory covers the earth as the waters over the sea.

One: The trees of the field clap their hands; the birds of the air sing songs of praise,

All: and if we should fail to express our worship, even the rocks and stones would cry out!



One: And so, we lift up our hearts, we lift up our voices and we offer thanksgiving and adoration to the Lord, the Creator of all.

All: Blessed are You, Sovereign of the Universe, for from seeds sown into the earth You have given us the gift of bread to feed and nourish us.

One: And at Jesus' last meal with His friends, before facing the cross, our Lord took bread, blessed it and broke it. Then He passed it among them saying: *"This is my body, broken for you. Take and eat, and do this to remember Me."*

All: Blessed are You, Sovereign of the Universe, for from grapes which grow ripe and sweet on the vine, You have given us the gift of wine to refresh and heal us.

One: And at Jesus' last meal with his friends before facing the cross, Our Lord took the cup of wine and blessed it.....so that we may be transformed into Christ's body, carrying His life, His care, and His salvation to all creation. We bind together these and all our prayers into the prayer that Jesus taught us to pray to You, saying: *"Our Father....."*

Invitation to the Table

Communion

Prayer following Communion

Closing Hymn: *Spirit, Spirit of Gentleness*

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Blessing & Sending Forth

Musical Postlude



Ushering this week is provided by:

Ushers in Charge: Susan Pike **Greeters:** Susan & Stephen Pike

Ushers: Trevor, Janet, Allison, Katie and Jennifer Bartlett

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