

St. James United Church

January 24, 2016/Epiphany III

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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

Call to Worship (responsive)

One: Beloved children of God, come on in to worship, come on into the light!

All: We come as children of the light.

One: Come on into the light, finding all that is good and true, finding the path of challenge and of faith.

All: We come as children seeking light.

One: Come as we walk the path of challenge and of faith, yearning to please God in thought and deed, yearning for wisdom and for healing.

All: We come as children embracing the light.

One: Come to learn God's wisdom and healing, opening ourselves to vulnerability, opening ourselves to revelation and joy.

All: We come as children through whom the light shines, within whom the light guides, despite whom the light reveals.

Opening Prayer: (together) God of light, radiant with creative power, You place in each of us a spark of Your glory. Liberate the impulse within us to open ourselves to You, to follow Your guiding spirit, to shine with compassion for others, and to act for the well-being of all. As we gather to worship You, lift from

us the mask of restraint so that we may shine with Your love as we seek to follow the Way of Jesus, Your Anointed One, through whom we pray. Amen.

Hymn: *I am the Light of the World* 87

The Circle Song & Children's Time

Hymn: *All Creatures of Our God and King* 217

Minute for Mission & Invitation to the Offering

Offering

Offertory Hymn: *Spirit, Open My Heart (chorus)* MV79

Offertory Prayer (together) We offer You our wounds and our worries. We offer You our brokenness and our struggles. We offer You these gifts and our very selves. Bless us and what we offer, O God, bringing transformation for discipleship within Your call. Amen.

Scripture Readings

Hebrew Scripture: Nehemiah 8: 1-3, 5-6, 8-10

Responsive Psalm: Psalm 19, ref. 2 740

Anthem

Gospel: Luke 4: 14-24

Hymn: *I Love to Tell the Story* 343

Sermon

Prayers of Thanksgiving and Concern

Closing Hymn: *Blessed Assurance* 337

Blessing & Sending Forth

Musical Postlude

