

St. James United Church

February 28, 2016/Lent III

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

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

Musical Prelude

Welcome & Life and 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!

One: You are invited to share in signs of peace with your neighbours.

Introit

Call To Worship (Responsive)

One: You are water to the thirsty, O God.

All: You are bread to those who have a spiritual hunger.

One: You call us to sort out our life's priorities.

All: Your word, O God, puts us straight.

One: You know, O God, that we have difficulty in listening,

All: But you will never give up on us.

One: Your covenant, O God, is lasting and true.

All: It is for each one of us, but holds good for nations and faith communities.

One: We come to worship our Covenant God.

Opening Prayer: (together)

In this season of Lenten journeys, O God, we run headlong into hunger and yearning, the perennial wanting brought on by hearts clenched with fear, greed and indifference. Remind us of Jesus in these our lean days, that Jesus' hunger strengthened His purpose in life and His yearning welled up into acts of justice and care. Remind us, who run headlong with faith, to lean into this earthly life that God still loves with open and generous hearts. Remind us that days are coming when our joy will be made complete, even as we are inspired with the life of Christ. Amen.

Hymn: *How Sweet the Name of Jesus Sounds* 344

The Circle Song & Children's Time

Hymn: *As a Fire Is Meant for Burning* 578

Installation and Blessing of UCW Officers

Minute for Mission & Invitation to the Offering

Offertory

Offertory Hymn: *Tree of Life and Awesome Mystery* 121a V. 3
Living water of salvation, be the fountain of each soul; springing up in new creation, flow in us and make us whole; flow in us and make us whole.

Offertory Prayer (together)

When you reach out, it means the world to us, O Christ. When we reach out to the world that outreach gives meaning to Your name. Bless this offering, we pray, that it may touch many in the world. Amen.

Scripture Readings

Hebrew Scripture: Isaiah 55: 1-9

Responsive Psalm: Psalm 63, ref. 2, p.781

Anthem

Gospel: Luke 13: 1-9

Hymn: *As the Deer* (as printed)

As the deer pants for the water, so my soul longs after You;
You alone are my heart's desire and I long to worship You. **R**

You alone are my strength, my shield; to You alone may my spirit yield;
You alone are my heart's desire and I long to worship You.

I want you more than gold or silver, only You can satisfy;
You alone are the real joy-giver and the apple of my eye. **R**

You're my friend and You are my brother even though you are a king;
I love You more than any other, so much more than anything! **R**

Sermon & Prayer

Hymn: *The Church's One Foundation*

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Blessing & Sending Forth

One: Worship has marked this morning. May service mark the rest of your day and week. May your prayer life be rich and your awareness of God, broad. Let all you do and are bring glory to our God-

All: Our holy, holy, holy Lord God almighty! Amen.

Musical Postlude

Ushering this week is provided by:

Ushers in Charge: Jack & Florence Head

Greeters: Gilbert & Lillian Thomas

Ushers: Cator & Jane Brown

If you would like to participate in any of the following activities on a Sunday, please fill out the information below and return it to the office.

I can help with the following on some Sunday:

<input type="checkbox"/> Testing the sound system	<input type="checkbox"/> Coffee Hour	<input type="checkbox"/> Communion
<input type="checkbox"/> Ushering	<input type="checkbox"/> Music Presentation	<input type="checkbox"/> Scripture Reading

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