

St. James United Church

March 13, 2016/Lent V

Minister: Rev. Terrie Jackson
Minister of Visitation: Rev. Pamela Jones-Fitzgerald
Minister of Youth/Christian Education: Susan Sheppard, DLM
Choir: UCW
Choir Director: Doreen Brown
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: *Soften My Heart* Choir

Call To Worship (Responsive)

One: Now, for something completely different: in this place, at this time, we seek God,

All: Whose ways are not our ways, whose thoughts are not our thoughts.

One: I invite you to be in God's presence, to be open to God's Spirit.

All: We will be open, we will be.

Opening Prayer: (together)

Holy One, as noise, demand, and distraction surround us, we search for a way to reach an inner quiet; we long for a place of rest and refuge. We are drawn to this circle of faith because there is peace at its center. Here, may we connect deeply with You so that our soul may discover what it is after. Amen.

Hymn: *O Jesus, I Have Promised* 120

The Circle Song & Children's Time

Hymn: *My Love Colours Outside the Lines* MV138

Invitation to the Offering

Offertory Anthem: *Said Judas to Mary* Choir

Offertory Hymn: *Tree of Life and Awesome Mystery* 121a v.5
*God of all our fear and sorrow, God who lives beyond our death;
hold us close through each tomorrow, love as near as every breath, love as near as every breath.*

Offertory Prayer (together) As Mary poured out her gifts on Jesus' feet, so may our gifts offer comfort and peace to those who need them most. We offer our resources, our time, and our very selves for the building of Your kin-dom. Amen.

Scripture Readings

Hebrew Scripture: Isaiah 43:16-21

Responsive Psalm: Psalm 126, R2 850

Anthem: *The Mystery* Choir

Gospel: John 12: 1-8

A Time of Prayer

Hymn: *Be Thou My Vision* 642

Blessing & Sending Forth

Musical Postlude

Ushering this week is provided by:

Ushers in Charge: Jean Thompson

Greeters: Clyde Flight & Brenda Kelleher-Flight

Ushers: Katelyn Mayo, Hannah Sheppard, Kennedy Collins, Tom Rose

Accessibility at St. James United Church

Hearing Devices Wheelchairs Enlarged Bulletins
If you wish to use one of the above services that we offer, please speak with one of our ushers and they will be happy to assist you.