

This bulletin is dedicated in loving memory of
Joanne Hapgood, R.N., B.N.
from the family;
remembering her on her birthday, March 3.

St. James United Church

March 6, 2016/Lent IV/Baptism

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

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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: *Giver of the Perfect Peace*

Choir

Call To Worship (Responsive)

One: In the distance, the sound of weeping.

All: Over our heads, music in the air.

One: Between us, affection and questions.

All: In us, God's deep love for all.

One: Come, let us worship in love.

Opening Prayer: (together)

Loving God, You have called us and named us as Your own. Your care for us is like that of a parent. Your wish for us is that You will be as close to us as our breathing, as essential to us as our heartbeat. Open us to Your will, and give us courage and strength to be Your people. Amen.

Hymn: *Great Is Thy Faithfulness* 288

The Circle Song & Children's Time

Baptismal Hymn: *My Life Flows On* 716

Sacrament of Holy Baptism

Presentation

Parents' Baptismal Vows



Congregational Commitment (together, standing as you are able):

We have heard the will of the parents. We receive these children in Christ's name as we ourselves have been received. We all belong to the one household of Christ. We will support these parents and these children through prayer, and provide a community of faith in which they are welcome to belong. May we serve God's world together. Amen.

Affirmation of Faith: A New Creed 918

Prayer of Thanksgiving & Pouring of the Water

Action of Baptism

Emma Claire Horner, daughter of Melissa Alice Haley Horner & Jeffrey Blair Horner; **Harrison Daniel Cannon**, son of Kimberley Leanne Fahey & Daniel Robert Cannon;

Blessing: (together) May God bless you and keep you. May God's face shine upon you and be gracious to you. May God look upon you with kindness and give you peace.

Minute for Mission & Invitation to the Offering

Offertory Anthem: *Along the Road* AOTS

Offertory Hymn: *Tree of Life and Awesome Mystery* 121a v.4
Give us eyes to see You clearly, make us children of Your light;
Give us hearts to live more nearly as Your gospel shining bright, as Your gospel shining bright.

Offertory Prayer (together) Lenten God, we look toward the Holy City and wonder what is before us. We know that for some it is a journey of hunger and loneliness, so it is that we share these offerings, on these plates and through PAR. Receive them and transform them into Your love. We give in Jesus' name. Amen.

Scripture Readings

Hebrew Scripture: Joshua 5: 9-12

Responsive Psalm: Psalm 32 759

Anthem : *Long Before the Night Was Born* Youth

Gospel: Luke 15: 1-3, 11B-32

Hymn: *Come, Let Us Sing of a Wonderful Love* 574

Sermon & Prayer

Hymn: *Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah* 651

Blessing & Sending Forth, followed by Musical Postlude