

This bulletin is dedicated in loving memory of
 parents **Noel & Christine Halfyard**
 from son and daughter, Keith and Margaret;
 And in memory of loving parents,
Winnie & Eric Parsons
 from Louise & Tom Harris.

St. James United Church

March 27, 2016, 11am Easter Sunday

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

Processional Hymn: *Jesus Christ Is Risen Today* 155

Liturgical Dancers

Welcome and Life and Work of St. James



Call To Worship (Responsive)

One: Come celebrate the Good News!
All: The stone has been rolled away!
 One: The tomb is empty!
All: Christ is risen!
 One: Christ is risen indeed!
All: Hallelujah! Thanks be to God!

Opening Prayer: (together)

You are a God of dreams; we pray for Your vision. You are a God of hope; we pray for your peace. You are a God of love; we pray for Your fullness. You are a God of life; we pray for your Spirit. Amen.

Passing the Peace of Christ:

One: The peace of Christ be with you!

ALL: And also with you!

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

Time with Children

Hymn: *Hey Now! Singing Hallelujah!* MV 121

Minute for Mission and Invitation to the Offering (responsive):

One: Easter is a celebration of new life. Our offering each week helps to plant seeds of new life in our own church and community and around the world.

All: On this Easter Sunday, let us celebrate the new life given to us through Jesus' rising from the dead, but passing on opportunities of new life to others.

Offertory

Offertory Hymn: *This Is the Day That God Has Made, chorus x2* 175

Offertory Prayer (together)

You are the alpha and the omega, the One who was, and is, and is to come. We stand in awe of Your mystery and of Your faithfulness. Strengthen our faithfulness in generosity, so that we may continue to change the world according to Your will. Amen.

Scripture Readings

Hebrew Scripture: Isaiah 65: 17--25

Responsive Psalm: Psalm 118, parts 1-3 837

Anthem: *Gloria* Choir

Gospel: Luke 24: 1-12

Hymn: *Hallelujah, Hallelujah, Give Thanks* 179

Sermon and Prayer of Thanksgiving and Concern

Closing Hymn: *Thine Is the Glory* 173

Blessing and Sending Forth

Musical Postlude

Ushering this week is provided by:

Ushers in Charge: Jean Thompson

Ushers: Geraldine Matthews, Laura Mayo, Katie Vardy, Bruce Hunt,
Oliver Wellon, Claire and Jennifer Tremblett



Life Lessons from a Butterfly

Let go of the past

Trust the future

Embrace change

Come out of the cocoon

Unfurl your wings

Dare to get off the ground

Ride the breezes

Savour the flowers

Put on your brightest colors

Let your beauty show

Happy Easter to all from us all at St. James