

This bulletin is dedicated in loving memory of
Jack & Irene Hunt
 from Derek, Jonathan and Lindsay.

St. James United Church

May 22, 2016/Laity Sunday

The Service is conducted by members of the UCW and led by Barbara Adams.

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
Guest musicians:	St. James Guitar Group

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Musical Prelude

Welcome and Life and Work of St. James



Introit: *Sing a Brand New Song*

Choir

Call To Worship: (responsive)

One: We have gathered here today to worship God on this UCW Laity Sunday.

All: We have come rejoicing and seeking comfort, strength, inspiration, community and insight.

One: We have come to open ourselves to the power of God's presence in our midst.

All: We have come to offer up the seasons and the turnings in our lives, and to ask God's help in our learning and growing.

Prayer of Approach: (together) God of all time, we come to this place and this time, and we meet to offer our praise and our thanksgiving. The pasts have been lived in Your presence, the present is Your care and the future is know only to You. We come today honouring the many years of witness, study, fellowship and service, and we gather to rejoice in the wonderful story of the United Church Women. Be with us all today as we celebrate all that has been and all that is yet to be. In the sure knowledge of Your presence, we pray. Amen.

Hymn: *Jesus Loves Me*
 (Children come forward during last verse.)

Children's Story Time

Hymn: *Mine Eyes Have Seen the Glory*
*Mine eyes have seen the glory of the coming of the Lord,
 He is trampling out the vintage where the grapes of wrath are stored.
 He has loosed the fateful lightning of His terrible swift sword;
 His truth is marching on.*

*Chorus: Glory, glory, hallelujah! Glory, glory, hallelujah!
 Glory, glory, hallelujah! His truth is marching on.*

*I have seen Him in the watch fires of a hundred circling camps,
 They have built Him an altar in the evening dews and damps.
 I can read His righteous sentence by the dim and flaring lamps,
 His day is marching on.*

*He has sounded forth the trumpet that shall never call retreat,
 He is sifting out the hearts of men before His judgment seat.
 Oh, be swift, my soul, to answer Him! Be jubilant, my feet;
 Our God is marching on.*

*In the beauty of the lilies Christ was born across the sea.
 With a glory in His bosom that transfigures you and me.
 As He died to make men holy, let us live to make men free,
 While God is marching on.*

Invitation to the Offering: Seek ye first the Kingdom of God and His righteousness, and all these things shall be added unto you. Give unto the Lord the glory due unto His name, bring an offering and come into His court with praise; your morning offering will be received.

Offertory Anthem: *Just a Wayward Lamb*

Choir

Offertory Hymn: *We Love the Place, O God*
*We love the place, O God wherein Thine honour dwells;
 The joy of Thine abode all earthly joy excels.*

*It is the house of prayer wherein thy servants meet
 As Thou, O Lord, art there Thy chosen flock to greet.*

*We love the Word of life, the Word that tells of peace,
Of comfort in the strife, and joys that never cease.*

*We love to sing below for mercies freely given,
But oh, we long to know the triumph song of heaven.*

*Lord Jesus, give us grace on earth to love Thee more,
In heaven to see Thy face, and with Thy saints adore.*

Offertory Prayer (together) O God, You have given to us beyond our wildest dreams, and we are called to be thankful. Empower us, our God, to respond generously, wisely and compassionately, that our gifts, combined with the gifts of others, may follow the patterns of Jesus Christ and become a living, loving blessing. In the name of love, we pray. Amen.

Scripture Readings

Old Testament: Isaiah 6: 1-8 Jean White

Responsive Psalm: Psalm 98, R2 818

Anthem: *Near to the Heart of God* Choir

Gospel Reading: John 21: 1-19 Betty Pilgrim

Hymn: *Jesus, You Have Come to the Lakeshore* 563

Meditation: Faithful and Hopeful Betty Pilgrim

Prayers of the People

Closing Hymn: *O Lord My God, How Great Thou Art* 238

Benediction: May the God who is the alpha and the omega; may the God who frees us to live abundantly; may the God who reassures us that the Spirit will guide us, continue to surround us and those whom we love with a joy that cannot be destroyed. Go and live for God.

Musical Postlude



Ushering this week is provided by:

Usher in Charge: June Jones **Greeters:** Menetha Dyke, Joan Barbour

Ushers: Florence Head, Sylvia Cole, Dorothy Hapgood, Muriel Cole