This bulletin is dedicated in loving memory of mother Sadie M. Butt and aunt Mildred Legrow from
Glenda Winsor and Gloria Le Feuvre and families.

St. James United Church

May 1, 2016/Easter VI/Baptism

Minister: Rev. Terrie Jackson

Minister of Visitation: Rev. Pamela Jones-Fitzgerald

Minister of Youth/Christian Education: Susan Sheppard, DLM

Choir: Senior

Soloist: Spencer Hartman
Guest Conductor: Emma Clark
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 Christ be with you all!

All: And also with you!

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

Call To Worship (responsive)

One: We are summoned here by our holy God,

All: Who calls us each by name, and gathers us together in the unity of Jesus Christ.

One: From home and community, from camps and classrooms,

All: We are called into God's presence.

One: Young and old and middle-aged, individuals and families, soft-spoken and outspoken.

All: We hear our names being called to join in worship.

One: This house of worship is a place to pursue God's vision for all people -

All: Unity and joy and faith expressed through different gifts. Let us worship together!

Opening Prayer: (together)

Creator God, we hear Your wilderness cry from the depth of our souls and long to answer. We seek You out in the silence and beauty of nature, in the sound of the birds, the rustling trees, the lapping water, and the crunching of branches. Our eyes and ears are opened to Your presence in the newness of day, the brisk air, and the colours of the sunrise. Be with us in this time of storytelling and memories, guiding us along the forest's edge into oneness with you. Amen.

Hymn: Come and Find the Quiet Centre 374

Time with the Children

Baptismal Hymn: I Was There to Hear Your Borning Cry 644

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

Jaxon James Lundrigan, son of Jamie Lynn Lundrigan & godson of Jayme Hearn

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.

Invitation to the Offering

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

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Offertory Prayer (together) In this time of Easter, Lord, we offer our gifts of time, talent and treasure to You. May these gifts be a witness to our faith that a better world is at hand, and of our willingness to play whatever role You require from us in the unfolding of Your vision for creation. Amen.

Scripture Readings

New Testament: Acts 16: 9-13

Responsive Psalm: Psalm 67 786

Anthem: Homeward Bound Soloist/Choir

Gospel: John 14: 23-29

Hymn: Holy Spirit, Hear Us 377

Sermon

A Time of Prayer

Closing Hymn: Love Divine, All Loves Excelling 333

Blessing & Sending Forth

Musical Postlude

Ushering this week is provided by:

Ushers in Charge: Vera Marshall

Greeters: Menetha Dyke, Jean White

Ushers: Daphne Coish, Barbara Butt, Marilyn Dunford, Jean Brown

Accessibility at St. James United Church:

Hearing Devices – Wheelchairs - Enlarged Bulletins - AED(Automated External Defibrillator)

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