

St. James United Church

June 26, 2016/Pentecost V1

Minister: Rev. Terrie Jackson
Minister of Visitation: Rev. Pamela Jones-Fitzgerald
Minister of Youth/Christian Education: Susan Sheppard, DLM
Music Director: Amy Dalziel
Pianist: Doreen Brown
Guest Musicians: St. James Guitar Group

Please remain seated comfortably until invited to stand.

Please turn off your cell phone during the Service.

Musical Prelude: *How Beautiful Heaven Must Be* Guitar Group
Softly and Tenderly
Give Me Oil in My Lamp

Welcome and Life and Work of St. James



Passing the Peace of Christ:

One: The peace of Jesus Christ be with you all!

All: And also with you!

You are invited to share in the peace of Christ with your neighbours.

Call to Worship: (responsive)

One: Call to mind the deeds of God. God's way is holy. God works wonders.

All: God's steadfast love will never cease.

One: God's strong arm offers redemption.

All: God made a path through the waters; a way was made through the sea.

One: God's footprints were unseen.

All: By the hand of the prophets, God led the people.

One: Remember the works of God! Our God is great, our God is holy.

All: Let us worship God and give God thanks!

Opening Prayer: (together) You are great, God! You are more than we can begin to understand or imagine. We know You don't need our worship - what we give to You is our awe, our wonder and our love. Do with it and us as You will. Amen.

Hymn: *Will You Walk With Me*

Will You walk with me through the darkest night?

When my world goes wrong, will You make it right?

Will You guide my lips in all I say?

Will You walk with me every day?

When I'm tired and weak, will You make me strong?

When my mind's confused, and all hope is gone,

Will You take my hand, will You lead the way?

Dear Lord, will You walk with me today?

Chorus: Will You walk with me and ease my pain?

Will You walk with me, give me hope once again?

When my eyes grow dim, will You let me see?

Dear Lord, will You walk with me?

If my friends should go, when there's no one there,

If I call Your name, in my dark despair,

Will You come to me, will You ease my pain?

Dear Lord, will You walk with me?

Help me find the strength just to carry on,

Teach me how to pray, for it's been too long

Since I fell on my knee, and asked you to forgive

All my sins, Dear Lord, please forgive.

Chorus

Children's Time & the Circle Song

Hymn: *He Touched Me*

Shackled by a heavy burden, 'neath a load of guilt and shame.

Then the hand of Jesus touched me, and now I am no longer the same.

Chorus: He touched me, oh He touched me. And oh the joy that floods my soul. Something happened, and now I know, He touched me and made me whole.

Since I met this blessed Saviour, since He cleansed and made me whole.

I will never cease to praise Him; I'll shout it while eternity rolls.

Chorus

Invitation to the Offering

Offering: *Take Time to be Holy* Guitar Group

Offertory Hymn: *Doxology* 541

Offertory Prayer (together) As so many have done before us, we make our offering now. As so many have prayed before us, we ask Your blessing upon it. As so many have dreamed before us, we pray that our gifts will touch many lives. In Your name we pray, Amen.

Scripture Readings

Old Testament: 2 Kings 2: 1-2, 6-14

Responsive Psalm: Psalm 77 791

Musical Offering Guitar Group

Gospel Reading: Luke 9: 51-62

Hymn: *Beautiful Isle of Somewhere*

Somewhere the sun is shining, somewhere the songbirds dwell.
Hush then your sad repining, God lives and all is well.

*Chorus: Somewhere, somewhere, beautiful isle of somewhere,
Land of the truth where we live anew, beautiful isle of somewhere.*

Somewhere the load is lifted, close by an open gate.
Somewhere the clouds are rifted, somewhere the angels wait.

Chorus

Sermon

Prayers of Thanksgiving and Concern

Closing Hymn: *Blessed Assurance* 337

Blessing and Sending Forth

Musical Postlude: *Because He Lives* Guitar Group

Ushering this week is provided by:

Usher in Charge: Oliver Wellan

Greeters: Tom & Maxine Rose

Ushers: Bruce Hunt, Jean Thompson, Baxter Howse



Accessibility at St. James United Church:

Hearing Devices Wheelchairs Enlarged Bulletins

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