

St. James United Church

June 5, 2016/Pentecost III

Minister: Rev. Terrie Jackson
Minister of Visitation: Rev. Pamela Jones-Fitzgerald
Minister of Youth/Christian Education: Susan Sheppard, DLM
Guest Choir: Prince of Wales Collegiate Chamber
Music Director: Amy Dalziel

Please remain seated comfortably until invited to stand.

Please turn off your cell phone during the Service.

Musical Prelude

Passing the Peace of Christ:

One: As Jesus drew crowds in Galilee, so He draws us here today. We are not alone. Let us greet one another with signs of God's peace.

The peace of Christ be with you.

All: And also with you!

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



Welcome and Life and Work of St. James

Call to Worship: (responsive)

One: Strangers meet.

All: Oil and grain turn to bread.

One: The sick are healed.

All: The weary are lifted up.

One: The prisoners are set free.

All: The everyday becomes a miracle.

One: This is God's work.

All: We are its witnesses.

One: Let us worship God.

Opening Prayer: (together) O God, who lifts us up, sets us free, and watches over us, visit us this day. Lift our spirits, and free our minds. Open our eyes and hearts to Your words, Your will, and the miracle of Your holy presence, that we may encounter You in the meeting of friends and in kindness to strangers. Lift us up, and set us free, O God. Watch over us, we pray. Amen.

Hymn: *Praise the Lord with the Sound of Trumpet* 245

Children's Time & the Circle Song

Hymn: *It's a Song of Praise to the Maker* MV30

Invitation to the Offering: A widow in great need shared what she had, and miracles of bread and renewed life ensued. Whatever our means, whatever our needs, we each have something to share. In gratitude to God, let us offer our tithes and gifts to the One who is faithful.

Offering

Offertory Hymn: *Spirit of Life* 381

Offertory Prayer (together) As crowds spread the word of Jesus' power, O God, so may we spread the word of Your grace, as we share these gifts and our very lives with those in need. May these offerings be instruments of Your healing, Your justice, and Your good news, in this community and around the world. In Christ's name we pray. Amen.

Meditation in Music

Scripture Readings
Hebrew Scriptures: 1 Kings 17: 8-16

Gospel: Luke 7: 11-17

Hymn: *Called by Earth and Sky* MV135

Meditation in Music

Prayers of the People and Lord's Prayer

Closing Hymn: *Walk with Me* 649

Benediction: Elijah was sent to someone in need—not only to serve, but that he too might also be served. Wherever God sends you, go to serve, but allow others to serve you as well.

Blessing and Sending Forth

Musical Postlude

Ushering this week is provided by:

Usher in Charge: Oliver Wellon

Greeters: Jack & Florence Head

Ushers: Phil Saunders, Victor Mutandwa,
Baxter Howse, Jim Inder



Accessibility at St. James United Church:

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

If you wish to use one of the above services that we offer, please speak with one of our ushers and they will be happy to assist you.

Spring Prayer:

Dear God,

We rejoice and give thanks

For earthworms, bees, ladybirds and broody hens;

For humans tending their gardens, talking to animals, cleaning their homes and singing to themselves;

For the rising of the sap, the fragrance of growth, the invention of the wheelbarrow and the existence of the teapot,

We give thanks,

We celebrate and give thanks.

From The Prayer Tree, by Leunig, Collins Dove 1991.

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