

This bulletin is dedicated in loving memory of
Reubena (Ruby) Soper, June 17th, 2006
from Rodney & Annie Soper: *"Memories live forever."*

St. James United Church

June 12, 2016/Pentecost 1V/Communion/Confirmation

Minister: Rev. Terrie Jackson
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Musical Offering: Yohei Sakai

Please remain seated comfortably until invited to stand.
Please turn off your cell phone during the Service.

Musical Prelude: *'Kingsfold' Chorale* Amy Dalziel, organ

Passing the Peace of Christ:

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

All: And also with you.

One: 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: In the rush of the wind, in a burst of light, in the "aha!" of an epiphany,

All: Christ's Spirit appears.

One: In the singing of a babbling brook, in the crackling of a campfire's light,
in the whisper of a still small voice,

All: Christ's Spirit calls.

One: In the crush of a crowd of thousands, in the loneliness of an empty
room, in the beating of our hearts,

All: Christ's Spirit lives.

One: And we respond to Christ's Spirit, living our love with

All: Hallelujah!

Opening Prayer: (together) Hover and rest here, Great Spirit. Take all this brooding of our souls and flare forth in us till we give birth to something new. Take this confusion of ideas and hopes and come, Lord Jesus. Enflesh the dust of stars and the salt of the sea. Renew our roots with Your summer rain and help us grow wild and splendid in Your garden. Amen.

Hymn: *Seek Ye First the Kingdom* 356

Children's Time & The Circle Song

Hymn: *Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise* 264

Invitation to the Offering

Offering

Offertory Hymn: *Doxology* 541

Offertory Prayer: (together) We bring our gifts to You, God, in oneness with all who love You, and pray that You will use them so that all will praise Your great faithfulness, love and compassion. Amen.

Responsive Psalm: Psalm 5 728

Musical Offering: *Here I am to Worship* Yohei Sakai

Gospel: Luke 7: 36 – 8:3

Sermon

Confirmation Hymn: *I Was There to Hear Your Borning Cry* 644

Act of Confirmation of Baptismal Vows

Introduction

Presentation of Candidates: Margaret Butt and Victoria Smith, who seek to renew the faith proclaimed in their baptism.

Profession of Faith and Promises

Congregational Commitment:

One: Let us pledge to these persons our continued support and care:

All: We will continue to support you, walk with you, and grow with you. With God's help, we will live out our baptism as a loving community in Christ: nurturing one another in faith, upholding one another in prayer, encouraging one another in God's work.

Affirmation of Faith: A New Creed 918



Prayer of Thanksgiving and Pouring of Water
Laying of Hands
Presentation of Bibles and Certificates

Prayers for the Candidates: (together) Gracious God, giver of life, You have called us by name, and pledged to each of us Your faithful love. We pray today for Your blessing on them, watch over them and guide them as they continue to grow in faith. Remind us of the promises of our own baptism, and renew our trust in You. Strengthen us to do Your will, and to serve You with joy, through the power of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

Blessing

Communion Hymn: *All Who Hunger*



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Great Prayer of Thanksgiving:

One: May the Planter of seeds be with you.

All : And also with you.

One: Open your hearts, people of God, to the One who fills them.

All: May God place grace, hope, and joy deep within us.

One: Let us sing our praises to our God.

All: We join all creation in songs of laughter and love.

One: We do not know when or how it happened, Holy Gardener, but you planted the seeds.....we offer our hearts' desire to You:

All: Holy, holy, holy, Lord of grace and glory. All creation is filled with the tapestry of Your love. Hosanna in the highest! Blessed is the One who comes with Your new creation. Hosanna in the highest!

One: Holy are You, God who fulfills all your plans..... as we now remember Him through hearts of hope, we speak of that mystery we call our faith:

All: In death, Christ became our life; in life, Christ shapes us into new creatures; in glory, Christ will come to fulfill all God's plans.

Breaking of the Bread & Pouring of the Cup

Sharing in the Sacrament

Prayer after Communion (responsive)

One: Now go as God's seeds of reconciliation.

All: We will plant reconciliation in all the broken places and people.

One: Now go as Christ's hands of forgiveness.

All: We will embrace everyone we meet with mercy and hope.

One: Now go as the Spirit's eyes of love.

All: We will see each person as our sister and brother.

Closing Hymn: *Open My Eyes, That I May See*

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Blessing and Sending Forth, followed by Musical postlude.