

# St. James United Church

September 11, 2016/Pentecost XVII

Minister of Visitation: Rev. Pamela Jones-Fitzgerald  
Minister of Youth/Christian Education: Susan Sheppard, DLM  
Organist: Ashley Ruby  
Senior Choir Director: Emma Clark

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

## Musical Prelude

### Welcome and Life and Work of St. James

## Lighting of the Community Candle

### Sharing The Peace

*You are invited to share the peace with your neighbours.*



### Call to Worship: (responsive)

One: We have come here to sing songs of praise to God.

**All: God's steadfast love surrounds us from one sunrise to the next;**

One: God's love gives our lives meaning and purpose;

**All: God's love gives us reason to give praise.**

One: Let us come to God in prayer.

**Opening Prayer:** (together) All across this land and around the world, as the sun rolls steadily from east to west, our brothers and sisters come at the call of the Creator to sing praises, to give thanks, to ask for mercy. We have been called and we are here. Amen.

**Hymn:** *We Are One* 402

## Children's Time & the Circle Song

### Prayer of Confession: (together)

Holy and Gracious God, gathered as Your people responding to Your call, we confess:

the self that is not aware of sinning;

the heart that is too hardened to repent;

the pride that dares not admit it is wrong;

the righteousness that has ceased to care;

the blindness that can see nothing but its own will.

God, in Your healing love, forgive us; through our Savior, Jesus Christ. Amen.

**Assurance of Pardon:** Merciful One, our hearts long for Your forgiveness. Touch us with Your healing, cleanse us of our guilt, renew our spirits, that we may serve You with joy all our days. Amen.

**Hymn:** *The King of Love* 273

## Invitation to the Offering

### Offering

**Offertory Hymn:** *We Give Thee But Thine Own* 543

**Offertory Dedication:** (together) We give thanks in this moment, O God, for all that has been given and shared. Bless us and our gifts, through which much may be accomplished in Your name. Amen.

### Scripture Readings

**Hebrew Scripture:** Jeremiah 4:11-12, 22-28

**Gospel:** Luke 15: 1-10

### Meditation

**Hymn:** *We Gather Here* 469

## Sacrament of Holy Communion

### Invitation

The Great Thanksgiving: (responsive)

One: The Lord be with you.

**All: And also with you.**

One: Lift up your hearts.

**All: We lift them up to the Lord.**

One: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**All: It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

One: We give You thanks O God.....through Him all glory and honour are Yours, almighty God, with the Holy Spirit in the Holy Church, now and forever. Amen.

### Silence

### Communion



**Prayer after Communion** (together) Generous Giver of life, You supply us with all good things. May this bread and wine be the nourishment we seek, and may it transform us into disciples who serve in Your creation. Amen.

**Closing Hymn:** *I Have Called You by Your Name*

MV161

**Blessing and Sending Forth:**

One: May the Spirit always dance in your soul;

**All: May the Spirit tell us in a million different ways that we are known and held and loved by God.**

**Musical Postlude**

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**Ushering this week is provided by:**

**Usher in Charge:** Dave Hapgood

**Greeter:** Claire Neary

**Ushers:** Dot Hapgood, Susan Pike, Jennifer Tremblett



Hearing Devices – Wheelchairs - Enlarged Bulletins

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.

**The AED (Automated External Defibrillator)** is now located in a cabinet hanging on wall outside of the side door to the sanctuary – the extension entrance.

**Help Us To Help You**

<input type="checkbox"/> We have sickness in our family	<input type="checkbox"/> I would like a call from a Minister	<input type="checkbox"/> I would like to receive The Visitor
<input type="checkbox"/> I am interested in PAR, envelopes	<input type="checkbox"/> I would like to discuss full membership	<input type="checkbox"/> I have changed my address

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