

# St. James United Church

September 18, 2016/Pentecost XVIII

Minister of Visitation: Rev. Pamela Jones-Fitzgerald  
Minister of Youth/Christian Education: Susan Sheppard, DLM  
Choir: AOTS  
Choir Director: Doreen Brown  
Organist: Ashley Ruby

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

Introit: *We Have Come Into His House*

Choir

## Sharing The Peace

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



## Call to Worship: (responsive)

One: Friends in Christ. Let us gather for worship.

**All: We come bearing the marks of the days gone by and the lives that we are living.**

One: Here in this place, may the God of all creation make us new;

**All: may the Son of all rising make us whole, may the Spirit of all beginning make us joyful.**

One: Come and let us worship God.

**Opening Prayer:** (together) O Great One, inspired by our worship, and strengthened by our community, we have been in ministry as disciples in Your world. Today we gather here, praying prayers of forgiveness and hope, singing songs of the faith, listening to music that uplifts us, and listening to the Word that encourages us. Break us open, God, so that in this hour of prayer and praise, we can receive the rich gift of Your blessing, and the confidence of faith renewed. We ask in Jesus' name, and in the power of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

Hymn: *Morning Has Broken*

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## Children's Time & the Circle Song

Hymn: *I Heard the Voice of Jesus Say*

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**Invitation to the Offering:** Offering God, mysterious and encouraging, You have a mission for this place,. As Jesus and the disciples responded by following, so do we. Here are our offerings for You. Bless them and bless us for the ministry You have here, in this time and place. Amen.

## Offering

Offertory Hymn: *We Give Thee But Thine Own*

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**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 8:18-9:1

Responsive Psalm: Psalm 79

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Anthem: *I Found the Answer*

Choir

Gospel: Luke 16:1-13

Hymn: *Great Is Thy Faithfulness*

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## Meditation

## Pastoral Prayer and The Lord's Prayer

Closing Hymn: *Go to the World*

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## Blessing and Sending Forth:

One: Go into the world as one of billions.

**All: We go into the world to share the first fruits of faith: our love, our wealth, our stories, our connections.**

One: Go into the world as people named by Christ.

**All: We go into the world, even as scared and doubtful.**

One: We go into the world to disciple in our uncertainty, led by the vision and the power of the Spirit. Amen.

## Musical Postlude

**Ushering this week is provided by:**

**Usher in Charge:** Dave Hapgood

**Greeter:** Jennifer Tremblett

**Ushers:** Dot Hapgood, Jim Inder, Ruby Hill, Aubrey Hill.

