

This bulletin is dedicated in memory of
a loving mother, Winnie Parsons (October 17),
from Louise & Tom Harris.

St. James United Church

October 16, 2016/Pentecost XXII/World Food Sunday

Minister of Visitation: Rev. Pamela Jones-Fitzgerald
Minister of Youth/Christian Education: Susan Sheppard, DLM
Choir: Youth and 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.

As you are entering the Sanctuary, please join the choirs in singing a few favorite hymns.

Musical Prelude

Welcome and Life and Work of St. James

Lighting of the Community Candle

Introit: *Lead Me Jesus; I Will Follow*

Sharing The Peace

You are invited to share the peace with your neighbours.

Call to Worship: (responsive)

One: Who are you?

All: We are the seekers searching for a sign.

One: Who are you?

All: We are the lost calling to be found.

One: Who are you?

All: We are the hesitant wanting to be sure.

One: Who are you?

All: We are the faithful coming to worship.

One: Whoever you are: believers, questers, doubters - God is for all.

All: Come, let us worship together!



Choir

Opening Prayer: (together) We come before you, O God, seeking the strength and the courage You have offered us - strength and courage we need to live and learn in this world, which is at once beautiful and difficult, bountiful and cruel. Enter our hearts as we worship today, with Your wisdom, Your love, and Your hope. Stay with us and guide us forever, for the sake of our Savior Christ. Amen.

Hymn: *Holy, Holy, Holy* 315

Children's Time & the Circle Song

Hymn: *Touch the Earth Lightly* 307
(In recognition of World Food Sunday)

Invitation to the Offering: There are hearts in the world and in this community that are breaking. There are stomachs in the world and in this community that are hungry. There are souls in the world and in this community awaiting a word of promise. Let us offer our gifts to bring God's healing, hope and promise to all. Let us join together in presenting our morning offering.

Offertory Anthem: *My Saviour First of All* (a Gospel moment) AOTS

Offertory Hymn: *As Those of Old Their First-fruits Brought, v.1* 518

Offertory Dedication: (together) With these gifts, O God, we bring hopes for a world where there is enough for all. Enough what? Enough bread for this day, enough trust for tomorrow, enough joy to fill Your people with song, enough faith to know that these gifts to You are Your gifts to us. Magnify them in Your name, to heal, to create, and to bless. Amen.

Scripture Readings

Hebrew Scripture: Jeremiah 31: 27-34

Responsive Psalm: Psalm 119:97-104 840

Anthem: *The Lord God Made Them All* Youth

Gospel: Luke 18: 1-8

Hymn: *Take Time to Be Holy* 672

Meditation

Prayers of the People and The Lord's Prayer:

*Sweet hour of pray'r! Sweet hour of pray'r that calls me from a world of care,
And bids me at my Father's throne make all my wants and wishes known;
In seasons of distress and grief, my soul has often found relief,
And oft escaped the tempter's snare by Thy return, sweet hour of pray'r!*

Spoken prayer, The Lord's Prayer and Silence

*Sweet hour of prayer! Sweet hour of pray'r, Thy wings shall my petition bear.
To Him whose truth and faithfulness engage the waiting soul to bless;
And since He bids me seek His face, believe His word and trust His grace,
I'll cast on Him my ev'ry care, and wait for Thee, sweet hour of pray'r.*

Closing Hymn: *Jesus, You Have Come to the Lakeshore* 563

Commissioning: (responsive)

One: Embraced by You, O God, Your heart beats in tandem with ours as one.

All: We go from this place knowing Your promise fulfilled through the intimacy of self-giving love.

One: Sustained by Your power, O Spirit, Your insight reveals a vision of hope.

All: We go from this place knowing that giving of ourselves calls into being the joy of love lived.

One: Confronted by Your revelation, O Christ, Your humanity encourages our transformation.

All: We go from this place knowing the risk of humanity shared, yet choosing discipleship out of love. We go from this place knowing that in the silence and pauses of life You are there in community and in prayer.

One: And may the Grace and Love...

Musical Postlude

Ushering this week is provided by:

Usher in Charge: Kim Mayo

Greeters: Ross, Betty, Willow and Gracie Pilgrim

Ushers: Sabrina Pilgrim, Gerry, Kim, Katelyn and Laura Mayo



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