

This bulletin is dedicated in loving memory of

**Eric D. Thompson, 1920 - 2010**

from Nellie, Paul and Jean.

And also in loving memory of

**Boyd & Minnie Tremblett**

from Janice, Jennifer and Claire.

## St. James United Church

October 30, 2016/24<sup>th</sup> after Pentecost/GO Project Presents

Minister of Visitation: Rev. Pamela Jones-Fitzgerald

Minister of Youth/Christian Education: Susan Sheppard, DLM

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

### Acknowledgement of land

### Lighting the Community Candle

Hymn: *Come and Fill Our Hearts*



MV16

### Call to Worship: (responsive)

One: O God, who is greater than the most powerful forces in this world, enable us to be still and know that You are God.

**All: Allow us to feel Your love and presence in all that we do.**

One: O Lord, who answers out of the whirlwind of everyday life, breathe in us the Holy Spirit to strengthen, comfort and guide us in the middle of the storm.

**All: For Your strength and courage is what leads us through troubling times.**

One: O, still, small voice, speak to us that we might become makers of Your peace in our homes and community.

**All: We pray all this in the name of the one who calmed the raging sea. Amen.**

**Opening Prayer:** (together) Heavenly Creator, open our hearts so that we may receive Your eternal wisdom; open our spirits so that we may know Your leading and guidance; and open our hearts so that we may receive Your wonderful love. We ask this in Your name, Amen.

**Passing of the Peace:** *You are invited to share the peace with your neighbours.*

Hymn: *Spirit, Spirit of Gentleness*

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### Children's Time and the Circle Song

Hymn: *Like a Healing Stream*

MV144

**Invitation to Offering:** God of Grace, it is our delight and our devotion to give these gifts to You. All we are and all we have are Yours alone. Accepting this joyful offering as a token of our abiding love, use it to bring peace, justice and comfort to all the world.

### Offertory

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

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**Offering Dedication:** (together) Compassionate and loving God, accept these gifts so that they may work in our world to soften hard hearts and open closed minds. We know Your kingdom is at work in the world. May compassion, grace and love bless and enliven the ministry these gifts support here in our own community and around the world. May they be a great blessing to many. Amen.

**Scripture:** Matthew 14: 22-33

**Responsive Psalm:** Psalm 18

One: For who is God, but the Lord? And who is a rock, except our God?

**All: The God who equipped me with strength and made my way blameless.**

One: He made my feet like the feet of a deer and set me secure on the heights.

**All: He trains my hands for war, so that my arms can bend a bow of bronze.**

One: You have given me the shield of your salvation, and your right hand supported me, and your gentleness made me great.

**All: You gave a wide place for my steps under me, and my feet did not slip.**

One: I pursued my enemies and overtook them, and did not turn back till they were consumed.

**All: I thrust them through, so that they were not able to rise; they fell under my feet.**

One: For You equipped me with strength for the battle; You made those who rise against me sink under me.

**All: You made my enemies turn their backs to me, and those who hated me I destroyed.**

One: They cried for help, but there was none to save; they cried to the Lord, but he did not answer them.

**All: I beat them fine as dust before the wind; I cast them out like the mire of the streets. Amen.**

Anthem: *As The Deer*

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**Meditation**

Hymn: *Precious Lord, Take My Hand*

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**Prayers of the People**

**Parting Words:** (responsive)

One: The time has now come for us to leave this sacred place. As we do, may we embrace the challenges of our lives and our world...(candle is extinguished)

Go in peace. Hold in your heart the certainty that the spirit of life is with you always.

**All: When our hearts are torn asunder or when we soar with sweet joy, we are never alone, never apart from the spirit that resides within us, that guides our lives and cherishes us always. Amen.**

Hymn: *Wherever You May Go*

MV216

**Closing Prayer:** May the grace of God uphold you, the peace of God surround you, the love of God flow from you and the strength of God protect and carry you safely through this day. Amen.

**Musical Postlude**

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**Ushering this week is provided by:**

**Usher in Charge:** Kim Mayo

**Greeters:** Brad & Pam Hollett

**Ushers:** Alexander Hollett, Jean Thompson, Gerry & Kim Mayo, Shirley Feltham



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**I can help with the following on some Sunday:**

<input type="checkbox"/> Testing the sound system	<input type="checkbox"/> Coffee Hour	<input type="checkbox"/> Communion
<input type="checkbox"/> Ushering	<input type="checkbox"/> Music Presentation	<input type="checkbox"/> Scripture Reading

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