

This bulletin is dedicated in loving memory of  
"my dear mother and father,  
Fannie & Ernest Sweetapple  
from their daughter Mary Emma Andrews."

## St. James United Church

January 15, 2017/ Second after Epiphany/Week of Prayer for Christian Unity

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### Musical Prelude

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

**Introit:** *We Have Come Into His House*

Choir

### Lighting of the Community Candle

#### Sharing the Peace:

One: May a heart of peace rest with you.

**All: And also with you.**

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

#### Call to Worship: (responsive)

One: Epiphany is a time of revelation, a time when we see things for the first time or in a new light.

**All: Open our eyes to see Your light, O God.**

One: Epiphany is a time when we hear God's call and all that God is calling us to be.

**All: Open our ears to hear Your calling, O God.**

One: Epiphany is a time when we recognize God's grace, abundant and overflowing.

**All: Open our hearts to receive Your grace, O God.**

One: Epiphany is a time for worship, that we might be called by the light of Christ, led by the Holy Spirit and filled with the grace of God.

**All: Open our lives to respond in worship of You, O God.**

**Opening Prayer:** (together) Eternal Spirit, let us find You in the sky, in the earth, in each other. Take this moment of worship and stretch into infinity, that we may be touched by the eternal, that we may be touched by Your peace, In the name of Jesus, we make this prayer. Amen.

**Hymn:** *Seek Ye First the Kingdom*

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### Children's Time

**Hymn:** *In the Garden*

*I come to the garden alone, while the dew is still on the roses;  
and the voice I hear, falling on my ear, the Son of God discloses.*

**Chorus:** *And He walks with me, and He talks with me,  
and He tells me I am His own,  
and the joy we share as we tarry there,  
none other has ever known.*

*He speaks, and the sound of His voice is so sweet the birds hush their singing,  
and the melody that He gave to me within my heart is ringing.*

**Chorus**

*I'd stay in the garden with Him tho' the night around me be falling,  
but He bids me go; thro' the voice of woe, His voice to me is calling.*

**Chorus**

### Offertory Invitation

**Offertory Hymn:** *to the tune of What Child is This?*

*So bring Him incense, gold and myrrh; come, one and all, to own Him.  
The King of Kings salvation brings; let loving hearts enthrone Him.*

**Offertory Dedication:** (together) Love takes many forms, O God and peace is more than the absence of war. Compassion can be shared in a bowl of soup, and justice must be shared. Let these gifts we give be all these things and more, because we have given them into Your care and use. Amen.

## Silence

### Scripture Readings

**Hebrew Scripture:** Isaiah 49: 1-7

**Responsive Psalm:** Psalm 40 764

**A Gospel Moment:** *Haven of Rest* Choir

**Gospel:** John 1: 29-42

**Hymn:** *I Need Thee Every Hour* 671

## Meditation

### Prayers of the People and the Lord's Prayer

**Closing Hymn:** *O Master, Let Me Walk with Thee* 560

### Commissioning and Benediction:

One: Our faithful God will continue to teach us and guide us as we seek to live as Jesus' people.

**All: The goodness of God is all around us; we will let Christ's light shine in us.**

## Musical Postlude

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**Ushering this week is provided by:**

**Ushers in Charge:** Jack & Florence Head

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