

This bulletin is dedicated in loving memory of
Irene Tucker,
wife, mother, grandmother, and great grandmother,
from husband Walter,
daughters Marilyn Pardy and Linda Facey
and families.

St. James United Church

January 29, 2017/ Fourth after Epiphany
Celebration of St. James' UCW and AOTS

Minister: Rev. Pamela Jones-Fitzgerald
Minister of Youth/Christian Education: Susan Sheppard, DLM
Acting Minister of Visitation: Rev. Ettie Gordon-Murray
Organist: Bob Rose
Choir: Youth/UCW
Choir Director: Doreen Brown

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Musical Prelude

Welcome & Life & Work of St. James



Introit: *What Does the Lord Require of You?*

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: Sometimes worship is a parade, a celebration, a gathering of people expressing their joy.

All: Sometimes worship is an adventure, a quest, a gathering of people searching for meaning.

One: Sometimes worship is a funeral, a fast, a gathering of people seeking comfort in their grief.

All: Among us today are people who have come to march, people who have come to search, people who have come to weep....

One: yet we have all come to acknowledge God and to touch each other.

All: We come with open minds, open hearts, open arms;

One: Come that we all might find that for which we have come and that, as well, we all might be surprised. Let us worship God!!

Opening Prayer: (together) Creator God, it is in our lives that we become aware of Your life. It is in the rhythms of the world that we hear Your pulse, Your breathing, Your footsteps. We have built this house of worship not as a vault to contain You, but as a reminder of the sanctuary that is the whole world You have made; not because this is the only place we find You, but because here we are reminded to look for You on the sidewalks we pass, the highways we travel, the rooms in which we live, the sky and the sea and the land which embrace us, but even more than this in our neighbor's eyes, the hands we hold, the human stories that we hear and tell....this is where we find You the nearest, the most real. It is in the lives You have given us, which are ours to experience life, and for our human souls which reach out toward You, even now. We praise You in our worship and in our living. Amen.

Hymn: *Come In, Come In and Sit Down* 395

Children's Time

Hymn: *Shall We Gather at the River* 710

Offertory Invitation:

One: By walking with Christ on life's journey we recognize and know the gift of the Spirit; in return, we offer these gifts of gratitude that they may become a source of light to those in need.

Offering

Offertory Hymn: *What Child is This? V.3 plus chorus* 74

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.

This, this is Christ the King, whom shepherds guard and angels sing;

haste, haste to bring Him laud, the Babe, the Son of Mary!

Offertory dedication: (together) O Holy One, what does the Lord require of us, but to do justice, to love mercy, and to walk humbly with our God? Here is our action, our love, and our journey! Bless these gifts and the givers. Amen.

Scripture Readings

Hebrew Scripture: Micah 6: 1-8 Bruce Hunt

Anthem: *Lord Jesus, You Shall Be My Song* Choir

Gospel: Matthew 5: 1-12 Betty Pilgrim

The Installation of the UCW

The story of our UCW members: Daphne Coish and Vera Marshall

Hymn: *Make Me a Channel of Your Peace* 684

The Installation of the AOTS

The story of our AOTS members: Ron Robbins and David Hapgood

Prayers of the People and the Lord's Prayer

Closing Hymn: *Go to the World* 420

Commissioning and Benediction:

One: And now the service begins. Go forth into the world in the knowledge that we are God's body, that hope for a new world is in the blood of our veins, that the struggle for justice is the beat to which our hearts respond, and that God's promise is the very stuff of which our bones are wrought. Go forth to praise the God from whom all blessings flow. Amen.

Choral Blessing: *When You Walk From Here* 298

Musical Postlude

Ushering this week is provided by:

Usher in Charge: Jack Head

Greeters & Ushers: Florence Head, Ruby Hill, Eric & May King, Bruce Hunt, Oliver Wellon



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