

This bulletin is dedicated in loving memory of
Edgar David Adams
(April 27, 1938 – February 12, 1994)
from Marina and family.

St. James United Church

February 12/Sixth after Epiphany/Communion

Minister: Rev. Pamela Jones-Fitzgerald
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Acting Minister of Visitation: Rev. Ettie Gordon-Murray
Organist: Doreen Brown
Choir: Senior
Choir Director: Emma Clark

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

Passing The Peace

You are invited to share the peace with your neighbours.



Call to Worship: (responsive)

One: The chatter of many voices surrounds us;

All: images of the good life lure us from every side. There are so many choices.

One: So let us be clear, let us be focused.

All: In many ways, God speaks but the message is always the same; love, peace, justice.

One: Those are the gifts of God.

All: We await those blessings as we come to worship God.

Opening Prayer: (together) Gracious God, sometimes we want to think of You as being stationary, solid, and stable so we don't have to change our ways or our thoughts. It is easy. But You are everywhere, even before we think of being there. You are always on the move. We know that You are here this morning

and we trust that You will be wherever we go this afternoon and tomorrow. So as we pause now to reflect on our lives, open our hearts and quiet our minds; be with us, encouraging and strengthening us so that we can move forward as Your people. Amen.

Hymn: *We Are One*

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Children's Time

Hymn: *Jesus Loves Me*

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Prayer of Confession

Assurance of Pardon

Offertory Invitation

Offering

Offertory Hymn: *Spirit, Open My Heart, chorus*

MV79

Spirit, open my heart to the joy and pain of living.

As You love may I love, in receiving and in giving.

Spirit, open my heart.

Offertory Dedication: (together) Gracious God, You do not place heavy burdens upon us, but only ask that we return a portion of Your many blessings, as a token and pledge of our love. Use these gifts, we pray, to spread the good news of Your light and salvation for all. Amen.

Scripture Reading

Gospel:

Matthew 5: 21-37

Anthem:

Gentle Voice

Choir

(Susan Naus Dengler & Lee Dengler)

Meditation

Communion Hymn: *We Gather Here*



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Sacrament of Holy Communion

One: Jesus taught that bread was meant to be shared, and that all are welcome at God's table. Jesus asked to be remembered in the sharing of the bread.

All: In this sharing, in this welcoming, in this remembering, we celebrate the gift of life, love and our relationship with each other and the Holy.

One: Jesus taught that all of life is woven together, and that love is why we are here. Jesus asked to be remembered in the sharing of the cup.

All: In this weaving together, in this loving, in this remembering, we celebrate the gift of life.

One: We gather at this table to remember that.....

All: Holy God, we remember Your Son, His life with the humble, His death among the wretched, His resurrection for us all: Your wisdom- our guide, Your justice- our strength, Your grace- our path to rebirth.

And so we cry: Mercy! Glory! Blessing! Make us, while many, united. Make us, though broken, whole. Make us, despite death, alive.

One: And so we cry....

All: Come, Holy Spirit, Come!!

One: Praise God now.....

Prayers for our Community and World

Breaking of the Bread and the Pouring of the Wine

Prayer after Communion: (together) We thank You God for Your presence here at this table and for Your companionship on all our journeys. Bless what we have shared here this day. We pray in the name and Spirit of Jesus. Amen.

Closing Hymn: *O Jesus, I Have Promised*

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Commissioning and Benediction

Musical Postlude

Ushering this week is provided by:

Usher in Charge: Trevor Bartlett

Greeters & Ushers: Brenda & Clyde Flight, Janet and Allison Bartlett, Kennedy Collins

If you would like to participate in any of the following activities on a Sunday, please fill out the information below and return it to the office.

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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