

# St. James United Church

March 19/Lent 3

Minister: Rev. Pamela Jones-Fitzgerald  
Minister of Youth/Christian Education: Susan Sheppard, DLM  
Acting Minister of Visitation: Rev. Ettie Gordon-Murray  
Music: St. James Guitar Group  
Choir: AOTS  
Organist & Choir Director: Doreen Brown

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**Please remain seated comfortably until invited to stand.**  
**Please turn off your cell phone during the Service.**

**Musical Prelude:** Guitar Group  
**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: In the silence of these moments let us draw near to God. (A time of silent centering) Holy One, speak to us words of wisdom.

**All: We are listening.**

One: Holy One, speak to us words of challenge.

**All: We are ready.**

One: Holy One, speak to us words of hope.

**All: We are needy.**

One: Holy One, speak to us words of love.

**All: We are eager.**

One: Holy One, speak to us in our silence and in the noise of our lives.

**All: Draw us into You that we may hear Your still, small voice and heed Your word.**

**Opening Prayer:** (together) Draw us, O God, into Your hidden wisdom, that we may glimpse Your purposes for this congregation. Calm our fears and lead us to deeper trust. Steady our hearts that we may not fear to undertake whatever mission You have for us today and in the future. Grant us such compassion that we may open our hearts and hands to others. Amen.

**Singing our Faith:** *O Lord My God, How Great Thou Art*

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**Children's Time**

**Offertory Invitation**

**Offering:** *Take Time to be Holy* Guitar Group & Choir

**Offertory Hymn:** *Tree of Life and Awesome Mystery*  
*Living Water of salvation, be the fountain of each soul;*  
*springing up in new creation, flow in us and make us whole,*  
*flow in us and make us whole.*

**Offertory Dedication:** (together) Bless the gifts we offer. Bless we who offer them. Bless those who will be touched, in turn. May this circle of blessings be pleasing in Your sight, O God. Amen.

**Singing our Faith:** *Morning Has Broken* 409  
*Jesus, You Have Come to the Lakeshore* 563

**Scripture Reading**

**Hebrew Scripture:** Isaiah 58: 1-9a Graham Horwood

**Anthem:** *Paper Cross* Choir

**Gospel:** 1 Corinthians 2: 1-12 David Adams

**Musical Meditation:** Medley from the Guitar Group & Choir

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

**Closing Hymn:** *Will Your Anchor Hold* 675

**Commissioning and Benediction:**

One: For all that God can do within us, for all that God can do without us,

**All: thanks be to God!**

One: For all in whom Christ lived before us, for all in whom Christ lives beside us,

**All: thanks be to God!**

One: For all the Spirit wants to bring us, for where the Spirit wants to send us,

**All: thanks be to God!**

One: Listen, Christ has promised to be within us in the world as in our worship.

**All: Thanks be to God! Let us go meet, for worship and work must be one!!**

**Musical Postlude**

