

This bulletin is dedicated in memory of
Joanne Hapgood, R.N., B.N.
from her loving family.

St. James United Church

March 5, 2017/Lent 1

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Choir Director: Emma Clark

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Musical Prelude

Welcome & Life & 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: Our Lenten journey calls us to venture along the rocky road of challenge and blessing.

All: We are guided by ancestors who led with compassion and faithfulness.

One: We follow Jesus Christ, who is our teacher and companion.

All: Christ is our example and friend. Let us worship God as we embark on this Lenten journey.

Opening Prayer: (responsive)

One: Gathered as the Earth creatures You have fashioned..... So gather us in, as the Earth creatures You have fashioned.

All: Open to us the space You have created for refreshment, renewal, hospitality, and a deepening sense of Your presence running within us. Amen.

Hymn: *Morning Has Broken* 409

Children's Time

Hymn: *Called by Earth and Sky* MV135

Offertory Invitation: The bible speaks of sacrificial giving, and to that kind of giving we are called. In these Lenten days, let us offer not only our monetary gifts, but ourselves, into the hands of the One who gave Himself for us. Amen.

Offering

Offertory Hymn: *Tree of Life and Awesome Mystery*
Tree of Life and awesome mystery, in Your death we are reborn,
though You die in all of history, still You rise with every morn,
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Offertory dedication: (together) Loving God, we offer these gifts. In some way, they seem paltry in comparison to what Jesus offered-His whole life. But they represent our commitment to Jesus Christ, our church, and the world. Accept them in Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

Scripture Readings

Hebrew Scripture: Genesis 2:15-17, 3:1-7 Anfernee Longworth

Responsive Psalm: Psalm 32 759

Anthem: *When the Wind of Winter Blows* Choir
(Composed by Lori True)

Gospel: Matthew 4: 1-11

Hymn: *Jesus. Tempted in the Desert* 115

Meditation

Prayers of the People and the Lord's Prayer

Closing Hymn: *Amazing Grace* 266

Commissioning and Benediction:

One: And now God, who knows the secrets of our hearts, who loves us inside and out, through and through, be our source, guide and destination as we continue our Lenten journey.

All: May we know ourselves to be so touched by God's love that we will share that love with all we meet, and work for justice and for peace for all God's people. Amen.

Musical Postlude

