

St. James United Church

April 14, 2017: 7pm
Good Friday Worship

Minister: Rev. Pamela Jones-Fitzgerald
Minister of Youth/Christian Education: Susan Sheppard, DLM
Acting Minister of Visitation: Rev. Ettie Gordon-Murray
Choir: Senior
Choir Director: Emma Clark
Organist: Bob Rose
Music: Sight Restored

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

Musical Prelude

Acknowledgement of Country and First Peoples

Welcome

Call to Worship: (responsive)

One: Today is a day of shadows and gloom.
Today is a day of destruction and loss.

All: Today is a day when the church faces the power of death.

One: Today is a day of commitment lived, and of faith fulfilled.
Today is a day of judgment levied, and of strength revealed.

All: Today is a day when we prepare for the promise of new life.

One: Come; let us gather in the presence of God



Opening Prayer: (together) Transport us to Jerusalem today, O Spirit, that we may spend some time with Jesus. Help us to hear His teaching, feel His healing, and follow His example. Let us meet Jesus in our hearts that we may take Christ into our world today. Now we open our lives so that You may take us where we need to go, making Jesus the Christ real for us, not only in Passion, but in the Compassion of God's Love for all. Amen.

Scripture: Mark 11: 1-10

Anthem: Hosanna Sight Restored

Scripture: Mark 11: 15-18

Hymn: Lord, Prepare Me to Be a Sanctuary MV18

Scripture: Mark 12: 41-44

Hymn: Long Ago and Far Away MV195

Scriptures: Mark 14: 22-25
Mark 14: 32-38
Mark 14: 66-72

Hymn: O God, Why Are You Silent? MV73

Scripture: Mark 15: 6-20

Hymn: There Is a Green Hill Far Away 152

Scripture: Mark 15: 21-24

Anthem: Were You There? Choir

Prayer: (together) Too often we leave You on the cross, O Jesus. We have heard You teach and felt Your healing touch. But somehow we prefer You hanging silent. Open our hearts to reach out wherever people suffer that we may minister to You. You faced the forces of violence with peace and love, and conquered them by compassion. Open our hearts to feel the love of God, who desires peace above blood. Forgive us our ability to be bystanders when Christ needs us to act in love. Too often we leave You on the cross. O Jesus, forgive us still. Amen.

Hymn: When I Survey the Wondrous Cross 149

Scripture: Mark 15: 42-47

*And the people leave in silence. Offering plates are located at the exits.
Ushering this evening is provided by Jean Thompson and Gloria Le Feuvre*

Easter Services, Sunday, April 16, 2017

9am: Traditional Easter Communion Service

11am: Easter Celebration Service with Communion

**Please join us on Easter morning for our Easter Egg Breakfast
after the 9am Service.**

Cost is a donation to the GO Project youth program