

St. James United Church

April 9, 2017/Palm Sunday

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

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

Musical Prelude

Acknowledgement of Country/First Peoples



Welcome & Life & Work of St. James

Entry into the Celebration

Introit

Lighting of the Community Candle

Call to Worship: (responsive)

One: Let us give thanks to God, for God is good.

All: God's love lasts forever.

One: Let all the people proclaim it aloud:

All: God's love lasts forever.

One: Come, let us worship God.

Opening Prayer: (together) Hosanna Saviour, we wave our palms and sing our praise as we remember Your triumphal entry into Jerusalem. May your Spirit enter the heart of our worship this day, giving us the strength to endure the journey which is ahead. Amen.

Sharing the Peace:

One: The peace of God is here.....to stay.

All: Thanks be to God.

(You are invited to share the peace with your neighbours.)

Hymn: *This Is the Day* 412

Children's Time

Hymn: *Hosanna, Loud Hosanna* 123

Offertory Invitation

Offertory Hymn: *In Gratitude and Humble Trust* 544

Prayer of dedication: (together) Gracious God, even on a day such as this, when more than any other we contemplate how we have failed to uphold Your word and Your work, still we offer You these gifts of our hands and our hearts, and pray that You will receive them and use them, that together we might continue to tell the world of Your love. Amen.

Silence

Scripture Readings

Responsive Psalm: Psalm 118, parts 1, 3, 4 837

Anthem: *Ride On, Ride On in Majesty* Choir

Gospel: Matthew 21: 1-11

Hymn: *Jesus Christ is Waiting* 117

Meditation/Drama: Two Parades at Passover
by Ellie Barrington

Prayers of the People

Closing Hymn: *All Glory, Laud and Honour* 122

Parting Words:

One: We leave today in limbo, not sure how to feel.

All: We leave today knowing that the story is not finished.

One: We leave today knowing we will betray and deny and yet...

All: We leave today knowing that God will never let our stories end in death.

Words of Blessing

Musical Postlude

Ushering this week is provided by:

Usher in Charge: Jean Thompson

Greeters & Ushers: Hannah Sheppard, Katelyn Mayo, Kennedy Collins,
Geraldine Matthews, Mary Daya,
Sandra Thistle, Gloria Le Feuvre



Celebration of Life Easter Butterfly

On Easter morning, we will celebrate the new life of the risen Christ by filling our Sanctuary with butterflies! You are invited to join us by sponsoring a butterfly to hang in our Sanctuary for the Easter season. Butterflies can be given to commemorate a special event, to honor a loved one, in memory of someone, to mark a milestone... anything you wish! Each butterfly can be sponsored for \$5; the proceeds received will be put toward the ongoing work of our St. James Church community. Help us to create our Easter Butterfly Sanctuary. To sponsor a butterfly, please return the form below to the church office at 722-1881, ext. 200. Deadline is now Wednesday, April 12.

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Name of person donating: _____

In Celebration of: _____

Env #: _____ Address if no Env. #: _____

Deadline is Monday, April 10.