

# St. James United Church

A Community of Friends in Faith  
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This bulletin is dedicated:  
**Remembering Bethany Danielle Pike**  
January 8, 1988 – May 27, 2008  
Love from Stephen, Susan and Rebecca.

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May 28, 2017 11:00am/Easter 7/Laity Sunday

Minister:	Rev. Pamela Jones-Fitzgerald
Minister of Youth/Christian Education:	Susan Sheppard, DLM
Acting Minister of Visitation:	Rev. Ettie Gordon-Murray
Organist:	Bob Rose
Choir:	UCW
Choir Director:	Doreen Brown
Worship Leaders:	Betty Pilgrim Barbara Adams Gloria Le Feuvre



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**Please turn off your cell phone during the Service.**

### Musical Prelude

### Welcome, and Life and Work of St. James

**Introit:** *We love Your house, O God*

Choir

**Call to Worship:** (together) We have gathered here today to worship God on this U.C.W. Laity Sunday. The Spirit of God comes upon us as the rain, as baptismal waters that feed our hopes, that cause the seeds of faith to germinate within that enables beliefs to blossom into action. The rain that falls to earth gathers in streams that vein mountainsides with living waters, in rivers that curve a course through the land, in oceans that swell and surge and break into spray upon the shore. The Spirit is like these waters – life-giving, course-setting and soul-refreshing. With thanks for the presence of God's Spirit in our midst, we gather this morning for worship.

**Prayer of Approach:** (together) Our Father, as Thy beloved Son stands at the door of our church, awaiting our response to His summons, help us to open wide the doors of our individual lives. We meet to offer our praise and

thanksgiving. The past has been lived in Your presence; the present is Your care and the future is known only to You. We come today honouring the many years of witness, study, fellowship and service, and we gather to rejoice in the wonderful story of the United Church women. Be with us all today as we celebrate all that has been and all that is yet to be. In the sure knowledge of Your presence, we pray. Amen.

**Hymn:** *Jesus Loves Me* 365

**Children's Story Time** Barbara Adams

**Hymn:** *Mine Eyes Have Seen the Glory*  
Mine eyes have seen the glory of the coming of the Lord.  
He is trampling out the vintage where the grapes of wrath are stored.  
He has loosed the fateful lightning of His terrible swift sword;  
His truth is marching on.

*Chorus: Glory, glory, hallelujah! Glory, glory, hallelujah!  
Glory, glory, hallelujah! His truth is marching on.*

I have seen Him in the watch fires of a hundred circling camps.  
They have built Him an altar in the evening dews and damps.  
I can read His righteous sentence by the dim and flaring lamps;  
His day is marching on.

He has sounded forth the trumpet that shall never call retreat.  
He is sifting out the hearts of men before His judgment seat.  
Oh, be swift, my soul, to answer Him! Be jubilant, my feet;  
Our God is marching on.

In the beauty of the lilies Christ was born across the sea.  
With a glory in His bosom that transfigures you and me.  
As He died to make men holy, let us live to make men free;  
While God is marching on.

**Offering Invitation:** Give unto the Lord the glory due unto His name; bring an offering and come into His courts. Your morning offering will now be received.

### Offering

**Offering Hymn:** *Spirit of Life* 381

**Offering Dedication:** (together) As the rivers run, overflowing their banks; as the ugly bulb becomes a beautiful flower; as the earth bound caterpillar turns into a winged butterfly; as the empty tomb tells us that Christ is risen, so may Your love transform these gifts into abundant Life, abundant Life for all. Amen.

### Scripture Readings

**New Testament:** John 4: 1-13 Gloria Le Feuvre

**Anthem:** *Turn your eyes upon Jesus* Choir

**Old Testament:** Jeremiah 18: 1-10 Betty Pilgrim

**Hymn:** *Let All Things Now Living* 242

**Meditation:** The clay in the Potter's hands Betty Pilgrim

### Prayers of the People

**Closing Hymn:** *The Church's One Foundation* 332

**Benediction:** May the God who is the Alpha and Omega; may the God who frees us to live abundantly; may the God, who reassures us that the Spirit will guide us, continue to surround us and those whom we love with a joy that cannot be destroyed. Go and live for God.

### Musical Postlude

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### Ushering this week is provided by:

Usher in Charge: June Jones

Greeter: Menetha Dyke, Gloria Le Feuvre

Ushers: Florence Head, Maxine Ivory, Joyce Hill, Betty Patey



The UCW's mission is to love God; foster Christian commitment, faithfulness, and spirituality and promote respect and love for all God's creation.

2017 celebrates our 55th anniversary.

*"United Church Women are the 'hands and feet' of the church."*

Moderator Jordan Cantwell