

St. James United Church

A Community of Friends in Faith
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June 25, 2017/3rd Sunday after Pentecost

Minister:	Rev. Pamela Jones-Fitzgerald
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Organist:	Bob Rose
Soloist:	Jean 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



Lighting of the Community Candle

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.)

Call to Worship:

One: We are met in the presence of the Sacred,

All: and we do not meet alone.

One: With the angels in highest heaven,

All: we gather to worship this present God.

One: With the saints of every age,

All: we gather to celebrate this present God.

One: With the church throughout the world,

All: we gather to honour this present God.

One: We are met in the presence of the Sacred we name God,

All: And we do not meet alone.

Opening Prayer: (together) Surprising God, as You lead us into new experiences, we come mindfully to take our places in life again. Imagine... we are one, connected, human family. Be and know that we are the ones the world awaits. Each of us here and now: different, beautiful presences. Help us to be open to

Your presence among us and within. Let us sense Your glory in the sights and sounds of this summer day. May it be so. Amen

Hymn: *I Feel the Winds of God*
625

Children’s Time

Hymn: *God sees the little sparrow fall*

*God sees the little sparrow fall, it meets his tender view;
if God so loves the little birds, I know he loves me too.*

*Refrain:
He loves me too, he loves me too, I know loves me too;
because he loves the little things, I know loves me too.*

*He paints the lily of the field, perfumes each lily bell;
if he so loves the little flow'rs, I know he loves me well. [Refrain]*

*God made the little birds and flow'rs, and all things large and small;
he'll not forget his little ones, I know he loves them all. [Refrain]*

Offering Invitation

Offering *His Eye is on the Sparrow* Jean Rose

Offering Hymn: *Spirit of Life* 381

Prayer of Dedication: (together) We would be like You, God, and notice the small things that count – sparrows that fall, and hairs on our neighbour’s head. We would be like You, and know what is worth taking a risk. We would live like You, and know what to keep and what to discard. We would be beacons of hope in the world, offering strength and compassion. As we encounter You in our lives, we would recognize You and respond to Your call. Amen.

Centering silence

Scripture Readings

Old Testament: Genesis 21: 8-21
Hagar and Ishmael are sent away

Solo: *It is Well With my Soul* Jean Rose

Gospel: Matthew 10:24-39
Discipleship: lose your life to find it.

Hymn: *Great Is Thy Faithfulness* 288

Meditation

Prayers of the People: (responsive)
**All: May we see everything as sacred and blessed.
May we see all of creation as worthy and beloved by You.
By Your grace may we be lifted beyond our human failing.**

The Lord’s Prayer

Closing Hymn: *Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah* 651

Parting Words: (responsive)
One: May this ending be our beginning.
**All: Let us begin, again and again, to wonder, and to cherish, and to act,
so that at day’s end we will be content, knowing that we have given our
all to life.**

Words of Blessing followed by Musical Postlude

Ushering this week is provided by:
Usher in Charge: Oliver Wellon
Greeters: Tom & Maxine Rose
Ushers: Jean Thompson, Linda Babstock, Aubrey Hill



Accessibility at St. James United Church:

Hearing Devices Wheelchairs Enlarged Bulletins
If you wish to use one of the above services that we offer, please speak with one of our ushers and they will be happy to assist you.