

Parting words

May the flame that has brightened our time together warm our hearts,
light our paths,
and inspire our vision, as we once again go our separate ways.

Words of Blessing

Help Us To Help You

<input type="checkbox"/> We have sickness in our family	<input type="checkbox"/> I would like a call from a Minister	<input type="checkbox"/> I would like to receive The Visitor
<input type="checkbox"/> I am interested in PAR, envelopes	<input type="checkbox"/> I would like to discuss full membership	<input type="checkbox"/> I have changed my address

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St. James United Church

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July 30th, 2017/8th Sunday after Pentecost

Minister: Rev. Pamela Jones-Fitzgerald
Minister of Youth/Christian Education: Susan Sheppard, DLM
Acting Minister of Visitation: Rev. Ettie Gordon-Murray
Organist: Bob Rose

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Acknowledgement of Country/First Peoples
Welcome & Life & Work of St. James
Entry into the Celebration
Lighting of the Community Candle



Sharing the Peace: (responsive)

One: May a heart of peace rest with you.

All: And also with you.

You are invited to share the peace with your neighbours

Call to Worship (responsive)

One: We are awakened from a week of work and worry to a morning of fresh beginnings and new horizons.

All: For this day of rest we give thanks and praise.

One: We are awakened from a night of tossing and turning to a day of surprises and sanctuary.

All: For this day of peace we give thanks and praise.

One: We are awakened from the mundane and ordinary by an invitation for search and celebration.

All: For this time of celebration we give thanks and praise.

One: This is the day that we are given.

All: Let us rejoice and be glad in it!

One: This is a day like no other!

All: For senses awakened we give thanks and praise. Blessed be!

Opening Prayer:

Is it morning, really morning, or is it just another day? A new beginning or just a continuing yesterday...? May we greet each day as a gift and blessing, fold its promise into who we will become, and live the fullness of its teachings: new thoughts, new ideas, new potentials, new promises. Amen.

Hymn: This Day God Gives Me VU410
Children's Time and Birthday Celebrations

Hymn: I Was There To Hear Your Borne Cry VU644

Offertory Invitation

Offertory Music

Offertory Hymn: Your Work, O God, Needs Many Hands VU537

Prayer of Dedication

God of goodness and kindness, here we stand on solid ground, secure in the knowledge that by keeping our eyes on You and by honouring Your command to love our neighbour, we will find security and balance in our lives. Amen.

Centering Silence

Scripture Readings

Hebrew Scripture: Genesis 29: 15-28
Jacob marries Leah and Rachel

Ministry of Music Peace Speaker Katelyn Mayo

Gospel: Matthew 13: 31-33, 44-52
Five parables

Hymn: Unbounded Spirit, Breath of God MV155

Meditation

Prayers of the People

The kingdom is a treasure – God's treasure. We will search for it in our world...
Count us among those, O God, who search carefully and persistently for the kingdom.

The kingdom is a treasure – God's treasure. We will search for it among those most at a loss...

Count us among those, O God, who search carefully and persistently for the kingdom.

The kingdom is a treasure – God's treasure. We will search for it within the faith community...

Count us among those, O God, who search carefully and persistently for the kingdom.

The kingdom is a treasure – God's treasure. We will search for it in our everyday moments...

Count us among those, O God, who search carefully and persistently for the kingdom as we pray together, Our Father...

Hymn: Over My Head MV88