

St. James United Church

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October 15, 2017/World Food Sunday

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Please remain seated comfortably until invited to stand.
Please silence 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

Introit: *Great Is Thy Faithfulness*

Choir

Sharing the Peace:

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: Rejoice in our God always;

All: we will shout, and we will sing rejoice!

One: Come, let us worship.

Opening Prayer: (together) Great God, all of creation silently shouts of Your glory: the march of the sun across the heavens, the orbit of the moon around the earth, radiant sunlight and lingering moonlight, all teach us daily of Your artistry. The elegant beauty of creation reminds us of the beauty of Your way. Your teachings bind us together as pilgrims, on a common path towards abundant life for all. Your laws are like sweet maple syrup on freshly fallen snow; delightful, delicious, and dripping with sweetness. Guide us towards Your path, God, and lead us away from dangerous roads, so that the words of our mouths and the meditations of our hearts may be forever acceptable to you, our rock and our redeemer. Amen.

Hymn: *It's a Song of Praise to the Maker* MV30

Children's Time

Hymn: *Spirit, Spirit of Gentleness* 375

Offering Invitation

Offertory

Offertory Hymn: *In Gratitude and Humble Trust* 544

Prayer of Dedication: (together) Inspired by stories of a sacred compassion, may we find a good feeling in our hearts, so through these gifts may help free some people from hunger, lift some people from their distress, and encourage some people to be part of a better world. Amen.

Centering Silence

Scripture Readings

Hebrew Text: Exodus 32: 1-14
worshipping the Golden Calf

Solo: *Shadow and Substance* MV44 Hannah Sheppard

Gospel: Matthew 22: 1-14
violence at the wedding banquet

Hymn: *Standin' in the Need of Prayer*
Not my brother, nor my sister, but it's me, O Lord, standin' in the need of pray'r;
Not my brother, nor my sister, but it's me, O Lord, standin' in the need of pray'r;

Chorus

It's me, it's me, O Lord, standin' in the need of pray'r;
It's me, it's me, O Lord, standin' in the need of pray'r.

Not the preacher, nor the deacon, but it's me, O Lord, standin' in the need of pray'r;

Not my father, nor my mother, but it's me O Lord, standin' in the need of pray'r;

Not the stranger, nor my neighbour, but it's me, O Lord, standin' in the need of pray'r;

Meditation

Prayers of the People

Closing Hymn: *Be Thou My Vision* 642

Parting Words: (responsive)

One: Go in peace. Hold in your heart the certainty that the Spirit of life is with you always.

All: When our hearts are torn asunder or when we soar with sweet joy, we are never alone, never apart from the spirit that resides within us, that guides our lives and cherishes us always. Amen.

Words of Blessing

Musical Postlude



Ushering this week is provided by: Katelyn Mayo, Kim Mayo, Allison Bartlett,
Pam Hollett, Brad Hollett,
Lauren Hollett, Alexander Hollett

World Food Day

“The Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (FAO) celebrates World Food Day each year on October 16 to commemorate the founding of the Organization in 1945. Events are organized in over 150 countries across the world, making it one of the most celebrated days of the UN calendar. These events promote worldwide awareness and action for those who suffer from hunger and for the need to ensure food security and nutritious diets for all.

World Food Day is a chance to show our commitment to Sustainable Development Goal (SDG) 2 – to achieve Zero Hunger by 2030.

It's also a day for us to celebrate the progress we have already made towards reaching #ZeroHunger”
www.fao.org