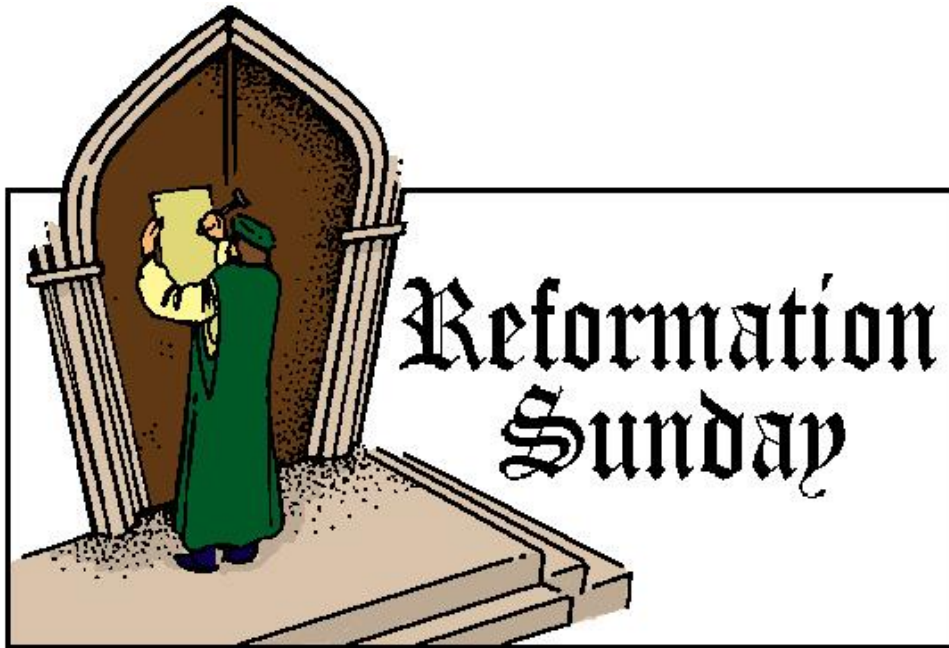


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husband, Jacob Parsons
from wife Effie and sons Donald and Derek.

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Organist:	Paul Rodermond
Choir:	Senior
Choir Director:	Emma Clark

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: *We Praise You, O God*

Choir, 218, v.1,3

Passing 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: (responsive)

One: Today is Reformation Sunday, a day when we think about the sacrifices made and the risks taken by Martin Luther and other reformers in the 15th and 16th centuries.

All: We celebrate the Church that was, the Church that is and the Church that will be.

One: We give thanks for living in a time and place where we experience the freedom of religious belief, gathering and expression.

All: Help us, O God, to strengthen our own faith, and to strengthen our acceptance of those who think differently than we do.

One: The differences that exist among us only prove the extravagant mosaic beauty of God's creation.

All: We are all children of God, creatures of a creator that knows and loves each and every one of us.

One: History has proven that we may never be able to predict where our journey through life may take us, but that our journey will always be filled with God's grace.

All: Let us journey together.

One: That journey together starts right here.

All: Let us worship God!

Opening Prayer: (together) Everlasting God, You have been our dwelling place in all generations. Since the creation of the world, You have nurtured us with Your love. And yet we shamefully acknowledge that we do not always share Your love with others. We are selective about who we choose as neighbors. . .only those who are clean, who look like us, who talk right, who seem safe. Loving God, teach us to love You more fully. For in loving You, our lives will show love to all others, even as Your love encompasses all Your creation, in all generations. For this we ask as we pray together. Our Father...Amen.

Hymn: *A Mighty Fortress Is Our God* 262

Children's Time

Hymn: *My Soul Cries Out* MV120

Offering Invitation

Offertory

Offertory Hymn: *In Gratitude and Humble Trust* 544

In gratitude and humble trust we bring our best today to serve Your cause and share Your love with all along life's way. O God, who gave Yourself to us in Jesus Christ, Your Son, teach us to give ourselves each day until life's work is done.

Offering Dedication: (together) We offer to You the work of our hands, the love of our hearts, the fruits of our labour, trusting that they will be used for Your service and to Your glory. Amen.

Centering Silence

Scripture Readings

Old Testament: Deuteronomy 34: 1-12
Moses dies and is buried in Moab.

Anthem: *Go Ye Into All The World (Eugene Butler)* Choir

Gospel: Matthew 22: 24-40
Love God, love your neighbour as yourself.

Hymn: *My Love Colours Outside the Lines* MV138

Meditation

Closing Hymn: *Go, Make a Difference* MV209

Parting Words: (responsive)

One: After the words, a quiet. After the songs, a silence. After the crowd only the memory recalls the gathering.

All: Peace and justice have need of us after the words, the music, and the gathering.

One: God grant us the depth for dedication to justice with compassion.

All: God grant us the will to be apostles of peace.

Words of Blessing

Musical Postlude

Ushering this week is provided by: Katelyn Mayo, Pam Hollett, Lauren Hollett, Alex Hollett, Brad Hollett, Kim Mayo, Laura Mayo, Jean Thompson



Accessibility at St. James United Church

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