

## St. James United Church

September 30, 2018/Creation Time 4

Minister:	Rev. Brian Colbourne
Minister of Visitation:	Rev. Pamela Jones-Fitzgerald
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Organist:	Paul Rodermond
Music Group:	St. James Guitar Group
Usher in Charge:	Robin Bartlett
Greeters/Ushers:	Paul Walsh, Joy Bartlett, Mary Daya, Pam Masterson, Chelsea Masterson

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St. James United Church is a safe place for all people to worship, regardless of race, creed, age, cultural background or sexual orientation.

### **Musical Prelude**

#### **Welcome and Announcements**

**Lighting the Community Candle:** We light this candle acknowledging the presence of Christ with us, in worship and in daily discipleship.

#### **Introit Hymn:** *Church in the Wildwood*

*There's a church in the valley by the wildwood,  
no lovelier spot in the dale;  
No place is so dear to my childhood  
as the little brown church in the vale.*

*Chorus: Come to the church in the wildwood,  
Oh, come to the church in the dale;  
No spot is so dear to my childhood  
as the little brown church in the vale.*

*Oh, come to the church in the wildwood  
to the trees where the wild flowers bloom;  
Where the parting hymn will be chanted,  
we will weep by the side of the tomb.*

*How sweet on a clear Sabbath morning  
to list to the clear ringing bell;  
Its tones so sweetly are calling,  
Oh, come to the church in the vale.*

*From the church in the valley by the wildwood,  
when day fades away into night,  
I would fain from this spot of my childhood  
wing my way to the mansions of light.*

**Call to Worship:** (responsive)

One: Now is the time of reflection;

**All: God's Word will gently come home to us.**

One: Now is the time of joyful praise;

**All: We will not hold back our singing.**

One: Now is the time for giving thanks;

**All: Our hearts overflow as we remember our Generous Creator.**

One: God's peace will be our peace.

**All: Let us worship God.**

**Opening Prayer:** (together) Gracious and loving God, over the centuries Your people have looked for You and found You in the beauty around them, in the quiet confidence of Your presence, in the challenging words of Scripture, and in the gathering of those who come together to praise You and give thanks. Today may our worship awaken our hearts, tune our spirits, and open our understandings. We pray in Jesus' name. Amen.

### **Children's Time, Birthdays and Anniversaries**

**Hymn:** *Because He Lives*

*God sent His son, they called Him, Jesus;*

*He came to love, heal and forgive;*

*He lived and died to buy my pardon,*

*An empty grave is there to prove my Savior lives!*

*Chorus: Because He lives, I can face tomorrow,*

*Because He lives, all fear is gone;*

*Because I know He holds the future,*

*And life is worth the living, just because He lives!*

*How sweet to hold a newborn baby,*

*And feel the pride and joy he gives;*

*But greater still the calm assurance:*

*This child can face uncertain days because He lives!*

*And then one day, I'll cross the river,*

*I'll fight life's final war with pain;*

*And then, as death gives way to vict'ry,*

*I'll see the lights of glory and I'll know He lives!*

### **Offertory Invitation**

#### **Offering**

**Offertory Chorus:** *Praise God from whom all blessings flow;  
praise God, all creatures high and low;  
give thanks to God in love made known:  
Creator, Word and Spirit, One.*

**Offertory Prayer:** (together) Generous God, these gifts, which represent a portion of Your blessings to us, are now returned to You for Your work in this church and in the world. Bless their use and the work of Your church. We pray in Jesus' Name. Amen.

**Hymn:** *He Touched Me*

*Shackled by a heavy burden, 'neath a load of guilt and shame,  
Then the hand of Jesus touched me,  
And now I am no longer the same.*

*Chorus: He touched me, oh He touched me.  
And oh the joy that floods my soul.  
Something happened, and now I know  
He touched me and made me whole.*

*Since I met this blessed Saviour,  
Since He's cleansed and made me whole,  
Oh, I will never cease to praise Him; I'll shout it while eternity rolls.*

**Scripture:** Mark 9: 38-50

### **Meditation**

**Hymn:** *The God on the Mountain*

*Life is easy, when you're up on the mountain  
And you've got peace of mind like you've never known.  
But things change when you're down in the valley,  
Don't lose faith, for you're never alone.*

*Chorus: For the God on the Mountain is the God in the valley,  
When things go wrong, He'll make them right.  
And the God of the good times is still God in the bad times;  
The God of the day is still God in the night.*

*We talk of faith way up on the mountain,  
Talk comes so easy when life's at its best.  
Now down in the valleys of trials and temptations;  
That's where your faith is really put to the test.*

### **Prayers of the People and the Lord's Prayer**

**Closing Hymn:** *When the Roll is Called Up Yonder*

*When the trumpet of the Lord shall sound, & time shall be no more,  
And the morning breaks, eternal, bright and fair;  
When the saved of earth shall gather over on the other shore,*

*And the roll is called up yonder, I'll be there.*

*Chorus: When the roll is called up yonder,  
When the roll is called up yonder,  
When the roll is called up yonder,  
When the roll is called up yonder, I'll be there!*

*On that bright and cloudless morning  
When the dead in Christ shall rise,  
And the glory of his resurrection share;  
When His chosen ones shall gather to their home beyond the skies,  
And the roll is called up yonder, I'll be there.*

*Let us labor for the Master from the dawn till setting sun,  
Let us talk of all His wondrous love and care;  
Then when all of life is over, and our work on earth is done,  
And the roll is called up yonder, I'll be there.*

**Blessing and Sending Forth:** Knowing that the world places heavy burdens upon all of us, let us go out with love and grace, prepared, willing, and ready, with God as our helper, to love and serve our neighbour.

### **Benediction followed by Musical Postlude**

#### **Minute for Mission**

Our gifts for M&S support community ministries like Back Door Mission in Oshawa. For more than 20 years Back Door Mission has helped to relieve the burdens of poverty and social dislocation experienced by those living in economically depressed circumstances in Oshawa. Over 100 people come to the doors of the facility every day. Its drop-in center offers a welcoming space where people can find shelter, companionship, and a snack or light meal. The drop-in program provides an opportunity for community within a socially disconnected and often stigmatized population. It also serves as a place where the poor, generally physically or mentally disabled in some form, can find friends and the experience of belonging. One family whose lives have been changed by the ministry of the Back Door Mission had been in great distress. The husband had lost his job to work injury; disability payments were inadequate to meet the family basic needs, resulting in them losing their home. They went to a homeless shelter, then emergency housing before resorting to living in their car. While the family faced crisis after crisis with the support of Back Door, they are finally finding ways to navigate the social assistance network. Loving our neighbour is at the heart of our Mission & Service.

#### **Accessibility at St. James United Church**

Hearing Devices – Wheelchairs - Enlarged Bulletins - AED(Automated External Defibrillator)  
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.

**Are you unable to drive to church?** Please give the office a call (722-1881, ext. 200) if you would like a free taxi service to our Sunday Worship Services.

**St. James has a Little Free Library**, open to the community, on a “take a book, leave a book” principle. Please feel free to bring gently used books to the wooden cabinet in the side door lobby, and to take a book as you leave.

### St. James United Church Life and Work, September 30, 2018

**We offer our condolences** to the family and friends of Dr. Betty Brett, who passed away on September 25. Her funeral service took place from St. James yesterday.

**We offer our condolences** to Olga Broomfield-Richards, her family and friends, on the passing of her beloved husband Jonathan on September 26. His funeral will take place from St. James tomorrow at 2pm.

**A big thank you** to our *Visitor* helpers and zone captains for their work in assembling and distributing our Thanksgiving newsletter.

#### **We gratefully acknowledge the following donations:**

\* **to the General Fund** in loving memory of mother Mildred Blackwood and brother Walter Blackwood Jr. from Lorna Jamieson.

\***to the General Fund** in loving memory of Mrs. Florence Pike from Graham Moores.

\***to the Memorial Fund** in loving memory Alvin Baker from Jack & Florence Head.

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<p><b>Financial Update:</b> To meet our budget, we need average weekly givings of \$4,115. (This includes the weekly PAR contributions.)</p> <p>Givings for: September 9: \$4,302 September 16: \$3,341 September 23: \$4,443</p>
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**The St. James budget for 2018** included a revenue target of \$7,300 for the special Thanksgiving offerings. As we get closer to Thanksgiving, let's make a collective effort to exceed this amount! Thanks again to the congregation for all the continued support.

**The St. James 60<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Committee:**

**\* is looking for** photos of the beginnings of St. James at Macpherson . If anyone has access to these, please contact the office.

**\*has placed a copy of the Anniversary calendar for 2019** outside the office. This highlights the various groups that have been a part of our history, from the beginning to now.. If you are interested in pre-ordering a calendar, please add your name to the list on the office door, or contact Jennifer Adams by email at jadams@nl.rogers.com or call 237-7011.

**\*tickets for our Diamond Anniversary Celebrations Dinner are available** for purchase or reservation from our Church Office. This milestone event will take place on Saturday, November 17 at 6 for 6:30pm in the Auditorium. Cost is \$25 per ticket.

**Choral Scholar:** The Worship & Sacraments Committee is pleased to announce the approval of 2 additional choral scholar opportunities to supplement our senior choir in music ministry. These positions are exclusive to youth who are members of St. James church family. Qualifications: university aged students; a voice student or in music school preferred but not essential; ability to read music; a positive attitude. Expressions of interest may be submitted to the Church Office by email [info@stjamesuc.org](mailto:info@stjamesuc.org) or telephone 722-1881 ext.200 for response by the Worship Team. Please include your experience and contact information. Deadline for expression of interest is October 3 at noon. Further information will be provided on request.

**Congregational Thanksgiving: Friends, Faith and Forks:** Some St. James volunteers will hold a casual Thanksgiving '*bring your own dish (BYOD)*' dinner for our congregation on Friday, October 5 at 6:45pm (for seating at 7pm). Free admission, no reservations required! Join us all for a relaxed evening of food, friendship and fun! To help out or to contribute food, please notify Susan Sheppard at 722-1881, ext. 204, or [susan@stjamesuc.org](mailto:susan@stjamesuc.org), or Robin Bartlett at 754-5409, 682-3927 or [robinbartlett1224@gmail.com](mailto:robinbartlett1224@gmail.com)

**AOTS Fish and Brewis Dinner:** Our Fall dinner will be on Friday, October 19 at 6pm at a cost of \$20. For tickets, please contact any member of the men's club, or Aubrey Hill at 726-8306.

**Tomorrow, Monday, October 1:** Weekly *Sewing Studio* continues: 3-5pm.

**Thursday, October 4:** Weekly *Not a Bible Study* continues at 7pm.

**Our Diversity Committee** is offering Zatoun Fair Trade Extra Virgin Olive Oil for sale at \$20 a bottle. Proceeds benefit farmers and children living in occupied Palestine. Please contact Susan or SuAn if you wish to purchase a bottle.

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