

St. James United Church

March 28, 2021/Palm Sunday

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

MUSICAL PRELUDE

We Gather as God's People

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF COUNTRY/FIRST PEOPLES

LIGHTING OF THE CHRIST CANDLE

WELCOME

CONGREGATIONAL LIFE & WORK

CALL TO WORSHIP:

One: Rejoice greatly, O daughter of Zion!

All: Shout aloud, O daughter of Jerusalem!

One: Look! Your king comes to you;

All: triumphant and victorious is he –

One: humble and riding on a donkey

All: on a colt, the foal of a donkey!

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PRAYER OF APPROACH:

Eternal God, this morning we have come to cheer you on. We can feel the excitement of the crowds who welcomed Jesus with such joy, and we want to join in, to share their hope, remembering your promise of a saviour. Bless us as we greet your Son, who arrives now. In his name we pray. Amen

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HYMN: *He Came Riding on a Donkey* VU 124

PRAYER OF CONFESSION:

Gracious God, as people called by your presence in the world, we search our hearts, and ask your forgiveness:

All: For opportunities not taken, for care not given, for sorrow not shared, for joy not celebrated, for love not extended, for those failings we cannot speak aloud;

Gracious God, we seek your healing grace and ask forgiveness in the name of Jesus. Amen

Moment of Reflection.....

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS:

We live in a promise that is strong and true: that God's steadfast faithfulness is greater than our sin, and that the abundance of God's mercy is greater than all the forces that drive us away from God's presence. Let us give thanks for our salvation!

MUSICAL INTERLUDE

We Listen to and for God's Word

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION:

One: Eternal God, in the reading of the Scripture,

All: may your Word be heard;

One: in the meditation of our hearts,

All: may your Word be known;

One: and in the faithfulness of our lives,

All: may your Word be shown. Amen

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SCRIPTURE READING: Mark 11:1-11

RESPONSIVE PSALM: Psalm 118 VU 837

HYMN: *Be Still My Soul* VU 652

SCRIPTURE READING: Philippians 2:5-11

REFLECTION ON THE WORD: "Having the Mind of Christ"

MUSICAL INTERLUDE

We Respond to God's Love

OFFERING INVITATION:

We have gathered our gifts together and have donated online, by PAR, by letter drop, as well as in the offering plate and now we dedicate them to God in gratitude and praise.

OFFERTORY PRAYER:

We bring our gifts to you, O God. Here is the work of our hands, and here is the love of our hearts. Accept what we offer and use them, through Christ our Lord. Amen.

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PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE & THE LORD'S PRAYER

HYMN: *Were You There* VU 144

COMMISSIONING:

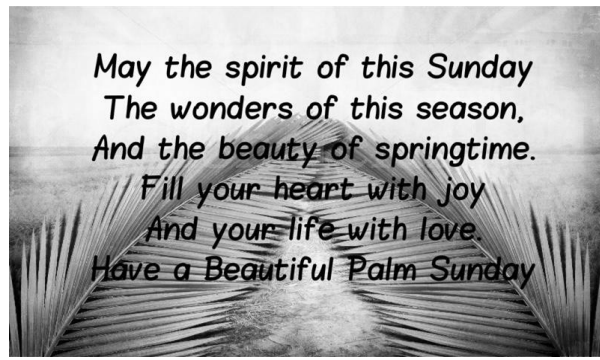
Leave this time of worship knowing that there is nowhere you can go where God is not and nowhere too far to find your way home.

Kate Crawford in Gathering Lent/Easter 2018, p35

BENEDICTION:

The grace of Christ attend you
The love of God surround you;
The Holy Spirit keep you this day and always.

ORGAN POSTLUDE



Life and Work – March 28, 2021

We would like to acknowledge the following donation to the Memorial Fund:

*in memory of Josie Howell from Jack and Florence (France) Head.

We would like to acknowledge the following donation to the Cemetery Fund:

* in memory of Gilbert Hiscock, Jr. from his mother, Ruby, and brothers and sisters.

Notice Regarding Re-opening

We are excited to return to level 2. However, with the restrictions accompanying this Alert level at this time, St. James will not be returning to In Person worship until some of these restrictions are lifted. We recognize that many may have been hoping to enjoy Easter Services in the sanctuary. However, in an abundance of caution and recognizing the demographics of our congregation, this decision has been made.

The building, for the most part, will remain closed. The office will be open Monday - Friday, 10:00 am to noon.

Let us celebrate Jesus' arrival in Jerusalem this Palm Sunday; walk with him through the darkening days of Holy Week; and the joy of His Resurrection on Easter Sunday, by tuning in to the virtual worship services being presented through Holy Week.

Wishing you a safe and Happy Easter.

Marilyn Adams
Council Chair

Music for the Season

St. James' Music Team (Amy Dalziel, Director, and Branden Olsen, Assistant Director) are pleased to present an online musical offering, "**Musical Moment: A Lenten Journey**", to mark the end of Lent and look ahead to Holy Week. The service of music, featuring voice, piano and pipe organ, is inspired by the themes and hymns included in our digital worship over the past month.

The service will be posted on **Friday, March 26th** to St. James' Youtube channel. Links to the video will be available on our Facebook page and website.

With best wishes,
Amy Dalziel and Branden Olsen

Holy Week Services

The United Communities of Faith Holy Week services will take place online and can all be viewed on the First Dawn Eastern Edge Region YouTube channel and your church's social media. The services on Monday and Tuesday will go live at 7:30 pm and the Wednesday, Maundy Thursday and Good Friday Services are taped and will be available to you starting at 8 am each day. The Maundy Thursday service will have communion and foot washing so make sure to have supplies on hand.

Your Hosts:

Monday:	First United Church
Tuesday:	Wesley United Church
Wednesday:	Bell Island - Portugal Cove/ St. James United Church
Thursday:	Cowan Heights United Church (Communion & Foot Washing)
Friday:	Cochrane Street United Church