

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

PRAYER OF JESUS (in unison)

HYMN: "Shall We Gather at the River" (VU 710) (remain seated)

HYMN: "I Feel the Winds of God Today" (VU 625)

BENEDICTION AND SENDING FORTH:

May you know the warmth of God's loving embrace
May you know the joy of God's ever-presence
May you know the peace of God's gentle whisper
May you know the strength of God's spirit within you
this day and always in your life. Amen. Copyright © John Birch

POSTLUDE

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A Community of Friends in Faith

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The people of St. James United Church
are eternal seekers who value diversity
within our congregation, our city, and all of society.
We affirm each person's uniqueness and believe that all persons
deserve to be valued, treated with equity, and respected.
We are all children of God, walking many paths of spirituality.

Further, we proudly and publicly declare our commitment
to practice radical hospitality and strive in every way to provide
a safe and supportive place for all persons
to participate in the worship and work of our church.

Guided by the teachings of Jesus, we embrace all persons,
regardless of creed, race, age, ability, economic status,
cultural and ethnic background, gender identity, gender expression,
sexual orientation, or any other difference
that has led to marginalization or oppression.

This Bulletin is dedicated:

In loving memory of Eric and Jean Snelgrove and
their daughter Cindy Smith.
From: Sister/Aunt Effie Parsons

July 23, 2023, 8th Sunday after Pentecost

Leading Worship: Marilyn Adams, Gloria LeFeuvre, Amy Dalziel

Leading Music: Amy Dalziel and Andie Winsor

Ushers: Jean Thompson, Bill and Cindy Pike

We Come to Worship

PRELUDE

WELCOME AND LIGHTING OF THE CHRIST CANDLE

We extend greetings to all, whether in the pews of St. James United Church, or listening in via live streaming, as we gather as a community to worship. We light the candle as a sign of Christ's presence with us.

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF LAND AND KINSHIP.

We give thanks for the land and the indigenous people who continue to steward it: we also commit to be an inclusive community for all.

CALL TO WORSHIP (*Psalm 100*)

ONE: Make a joyful noise to the LORD, all the earth.

**ALL: Serve the LORD with gladness;
come into his presence with singing.**

ONE: Know that the LORD is God.

**ALL: It is he who made us, and we are his people,
and the sheep of his pasture.**

ONE: Enter his gates with thanksgiving and his courts with praise.

ALL: Give thanks to Him; bless his name.

ONE: For the LORD is good.

**ALL: His steadfast love endures forever; and his
faithfulness to all generations.**

HYMN: "I danced in the morning" (*VU 352*)

OPENING PRAYER (in unison)

Creative and Creating God, you are the source of all that draws forth our praise and of all the creative ways in which we express it, of art and dance, poetry and song. We thank you for the way these and other arts enable us to be co-creators with you, ways by which we not only celebrate today but dream of a more loving and creative tomorrow. Be with us now in our time of worship and song, that in the raising of our voices we may offer you our praise, in union with the Holy Spirit, through Christ our Lord. Amen.

HYMN: "As the deer" (*VU 766*) (remain seated)

LIFE & WORK: *We highlight activities in the congregation and beyond.*

OFFERING: *There are many ways to share your financial gifts with St. James United Church. There are plates as you enter the church in which to place your offering, you may contribute by pre-authorized remittance (PAR), via e-transfer (email treasurer@stjamesuc.org), sent through the website (www.stjamesuc.org), mailed to the church office or dropped into our secure mailbox. However you give, the congregation is grateful.*

PRESENTATION

HYMN: "I'm Gonna Live So God can Use Me" (*VU 575*)

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING: (in unison)

Loving God, take what we offer this morning as a sign of our readiness to serve You. Bless us in our eagerness to answer Your call into the world. Bless us in our perseverance as we serve. Bless us in our faithfulness as we seek Your face in others. Bless us as we live the gospel of love. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

SOLO: "Precious Lord" (*VU 670*) (remain seated)

HYMN: "Spirit of Gentleness" (*VU 375*)