

## THE PRAYER OF JESUS

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy Name. Thy Kingdom come, thy will be done in earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those that trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, the power, and the glory, forever and ever. Amen.

**HYMN:** "Jesus Calls Us" (*Voices United* 562)

\* **BENEDICTION** (*adapted from a prayer by David Sparks*)

One: Live wholeheartedly!

**All: God calls us to make every minute count.**

One: Live with generosity!

**All: God calls us to give of ourselves beyond our limits.**

One: Live faithfully!

**All: God calls us to remember to whom we belong.**

One: Live lovingly!

**All: God calls us to reach out to those who are forgotten.**

One: Blessed by God and empowered by the Spirit, let's go out to be the living and loving Body of Christ.

**All: Thanks be to God. Amen.**

## POSTLUDE

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# St. James United Church

A Community of Friends in Faith

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## Celebration of Worship for August 13, 2023



The people of St. James United Church are eternal seekers who value diversity within our congregation, 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.

## August 13, 2023, Eleventh Sunday after Pentecost

Leading Worship: Rev. James Ravenscroft  
Leading Music: Amy Dalziel and Andie Winsor  
Ushers: Marilyn Adams and Jean Thompson  
*Please rise in body or in spirit where there is an \**

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### We Come to Worship

#### PRELUDE

#### WELCOME AND LIGHTING OF CHRIST CANDLE

*We share greetings in M'ikmawi'simk, Tigrinya and Pashtun as we gather, lighting 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 peoples who continue to steward it; we also commit to be an inclusive community for all.*

#### \* SHARING OF PEACE

*We greet one another with signs of Christ's peace, conscious of the need to be respectful of each other's health and comfort in this time.*

#### CALL TO WORSHIP *(inspired by Psalm 105)*

One: Be joyful all those who call on God's name!

**All: We turn to God, our source and our strength!**

One: Give thanks and sing of all God has done!

**All: We delight in God as we remember God's works!**

One: Praise God whose word covers all the earth!

**All: We trust in God who leads us with justice and love!**

#### OPENING PRAYER *(in unison)*

**Blessed are you, Saving God and holy is your name!**

**We turn to you for guidance as we pray together,  
trusting that you lead us in all that is right and good.**

**Open our hearts to your wisdom and grace,  
that we may live according to your will,  
through Jesus Christ, your holy child. Amen.**

\* HYMN: "Praise to the Lord, the Almighty" (Voices United 220)

### We Share

#### OUR LIFE AND WORK

*We acknowledge the connection between work and worship as we announce what is going on in our congregation and the wider community.*

#### MINUTE FOR RECONCILIATION

*We reflect on the Calls to Action of the Truth and Reconciliation Report.*

**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: "This Is the Day" (More Voices 122)

#### \* PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

### We Listen

#### LEARNING TOGETHER

*We explore themes of the day in a manner that is accessible to all ages.*

\* HYMN: "I, the Lord of Sea and Sky" (Voices United 509)

**READINGS:** Genesis 32: 12-28;  
Matthew 14:22-33; and  
*Leap* by Terry Tempest Williams

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#### REFLECTION ON THE READINGS

\* HYMN: "Will Your Anchor Hold" (Voices United 675)

### We Respond in Love

#### PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

*We pray for our global and local communities and commit to respond.*