



**St. James United Church**



330 Elizabeth Ave,  
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### **Celebration of Worship for May 25, 2025**



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.

In loving memory of  
**Bethany Danielle Pike**  
*January 8, 1988 - May 27, 2008*  
Ever remember and loved  
Stephen, Susan, Rebecca and Kyle

In loving memory of  
**Donald R. Bartlett,**  
a wonderful husband, father, and grandfather to  
Joy, Robin & Paul, Trevor & Janet, Allison, Kate, Jennifer.

## **May 25, 2025, Memorial Hymn Sing (6th Sunday of Easter)**

Leading Worship and Music: Clyde Flight, Amy Dalziel  
and the St. James United Church Guitar Group  
Ushers: Mary Daya, Joy Bartlett, Jean Thompson,  
Marilyn Adams, and Susan Pike

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*Please rise in body or in spirit where there is an \*.*  
*Print in bold indicates that the portion is read or sung by*  
*everyone.*

### **We Come to Worship**

#### **PRELUDE**

#### **WELCOME; ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF LAND AND KINSHIP**

*We give thanks for the land as we commit to being a just  
community for all.*

**\* SHARING THE PEACE OF EASTER:** *We greet one another  
with signs of Christ's peace with a wave, bow, prayerful wish for  
blessing.*

#### **CALL TO WORSHIP**

We come today to remember and celebrate.

**to remember our loved ones and celebrate them in song.**

We come today to remember and celebrate.

**to remember all that God has done in Christ's love.**

We come today to remember and celebrate.  
**to celebrate in faith, upheld in the power of God's Spirit.**

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

God of yesterday, today and tomorrow,  
**we come together to remember and give thanks,  
to remember those who went before us and give thanks  
for their abiding life in you through Christ's resurrection.  
They live as we all live, through your faithful love,  
in the power of your Holy Spirit,  
leading us in hope to the promise of your reign.  
We pray in the name of Jesus, the Risen Christ. Amen.**

\* **HYMN:** "Precious Memories" *(see insert)*

**We Share in Love**

**OUR LIFE AND WORK:** *We share what is going on in our community.*

**OFFERING:** *There are many ways to financially support St. James.*



*You can place your contribution in the plate,  
scan the QR code on the left, donate via PAR,  
website ([www.stjamesuc.org](http://www.stjamesuc.org)), e-transfer  
(email [treasurer@stjamesuc.org](mailto:treasurer@stjamesuc.org)), or mail to the  
church office. In whatever way you support St.  
James, the community is grateful. Tax receipts  
available by request.*

**OFFERTORY:** "Hallelujah, Hallelujah" *Voices United 179, v 4*  
**Hallelujah, hallelujah, give thanks to the risen Christ;  
hallelujah, hallelujah! Give praise to God's name.  
Come let us praise the living God, joyfully sing to our Saviour;  
Hallelujah, hallelujah, give thanks to the risen Christ;  
hallelujah, hallelujah! Give praise to God's name.**

**PRAYER OF GRATITUDE**

## **We Listen and Respond**

### **INTRODUCTION TO THEME OF HYMN SING**

**READING:** Proverbs 8:22-31

**HYMN:** “Morning Has Broken” (*Voices United 409*)

**HYMN:** “How Great Thou Art” (*Voices United 238*)

**READING:** Proverbs 2:1-10

**HYMN:** “I, the Lord (Here I Am Lord)” (*Voices United 509*)

**HYMN:** “Jesus, You Have Come to the Lakeshore” (*VU 563*)

**READING:** John 14:23-29

**HYMN:** “What a Friend We Have in Jesus” (*Voices United 664*)

**HYMN:** “All the Way My Saviour Leads Me” (*Voices United 635*)

**READING:** Revelation 21:10, 22-22:6

**HYMN:** “In the Garden” (*see insert*)

**HYMN:** “In the Bulb There Is a Flower” (*Voices United 703*)

**CONFESSION OF FAITH** (*Common Worship*, based on Eph. 3)

**We believe in God the Father, from whom**

**every family in heaven and on earth is named.**

**We believe in God the Son, who lives in our hearts**

**Through faith and fills us with his love.**

**We believe in God the Holy Spirit who strengthen us**

**With power from on high.**

**We believe in one God: Father, Son and Holy Spirit. Amen.**

**PRAYERS OF CONCERN & SUNG PRAYER OF JESUS** (*VU 960*)

**We Leave to Serve**

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

\* **BENEDICTION AND SENDING FORTH:**

Called by the Risen Christ: **we trust in God’s presence with us.**

Called by the Risen Christ: **we live in the Spirit’s nurturing love.**

Called by the Risen Christ: **we the hope of a better tomorrow.**

Go then in the blessing of God: Abba, Christ and Spirit!

**Hallelujah! Thanks be to God!**

**POSTLUDE** (*You are invited to remain seated during the postlude*)

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**We accept the following donation to the Bethany Danielle Pike Memorial Camp Fund:**

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**Away for Study:** Beginning on May 23, Rev. James will be in Toronto for another class. He will return on June 7 in time to celebrate Pentecost on the morning of June 8 and the United Church's 100th Anniversary celebration at Gower United that same evening. While he is away, Rev. Rebecca will be available in the event of a pastoral emergency. You can reach her at 709-764-3740

**Welcoming Guests:** On the weekend of June 7-8, our region is hosting several people from the General Council Office as we celebrate our 100th Anniversary as a denomination. We are receiving two guests for our morning celebration on June 8 - Rev. Jennifer Henry (who will be our guest preacher) and Rev. Cheryl-Ann Stadelbauer-Sampa. Then on the evening of June 8, it is the United Church's 100th Anniversary celebration at Gower United. You can attend in person (go very early to get a seat) or watch online (<https://www.youtube.com/live/bh4sW1kdpWo>).

**Seeking non-English language speakers:** We are planning to include languages other than English for our Pentecost service on June 8. Please email Rev. James ([james@stjamesuc.org](mailto:james@stjamesuc.org)) to let him know what languages you speak and if you would be willing to read a short prayer or reading.

**Church Planning Retreat:** On June 21, members of the church board and chairs of committees will be meeting for a retreat to develop a ministry plan and set priorities for the coming year. Held at Queen's College from 9 am to 2 pm, this retreat is open to anyone from the congregation who would like to participate. As one person noted in the table groups at our Annual Congregational Meeting, "Everyone Belongs." Please register with Stephanie by June 14.

**Bible Study:** For the rest of this season, we will look at the Book of Acts, exploring the following chapters.

May 18 (on site): Chapters 1-7

May 25 (via Zoom): Chapters 8-14

June 1 (via Zoom): Chapters 15-19

June 8 (on site): Chapters 20-28

To join on May 25 and June 1, you can click here

<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/85863880930?pwd=RPx5RXR1qMZKSyJmFQqkViyLvbQ3Pq.1>

### **Join Team Heather at the Kicking PancreAS 5K**

The Heather Cutler Foundation, in partnership with Craig's Cause Pancreatic Cancer Society, invites you to walk or run in support of pancreatic cancer research.

*May 31 | 6:30 PM | Quidi Vidi Lake*

Register at [craigsc ause.ca/kp](https://craigsc ause.ca/kp)

please contact the Church Office at 709-834-4567. No Tickets at the door.

***Can you spare two to three hours of your time once a week to help improve someone's life? If you meeting, socializing and helping people to learn, this flexible volunteer opportunity is for you!***

Teachers on Wheels is holding another training session on May 31, for anyone interested in tutoring adults in English. They need more tutors to meet the increased demands for tutoring adults in literacy, and for helping newcomers whose first language is not English, to learn and improve their proficiency.

For details, please contact Tom Dawe, Executive Director, at (709) 738-3975 or [teachersonwheels@nl.rogers.com](mailto:teachersonwheels@nl.rogers.com)