



**St. James United Church**



330 Elizabeth Ave,  
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### **Celebration of Worship for May 4, 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.

## May 4, 2025, Third Sunday of Easter

Leading Worship and Music: Members of the UCW,  
Amy Dalziel and Jessica Wilcott  
Ushers: Gerry and Kim Mayo, 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**

#### **SHARING THE PEACE OF EASTER**

#### **INSTRUMENTAL INTROIT**

#### **CALL TO WORSHIP**

We come together, responding to God's call on our hearts.

**We come as others came before us.**

We come together to honour the Risen Christ in our midst.

**We come to discern how to embody his way.**

We come together to listen to the wisdom of the Holy Spirit.

**We come as a family to give of ourselves in love.**

\* **HYMN:** "Come In, Come In and Sit Down" (*Voices United* 395)

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

Creating God, **we come with open hearts to worship you.**

**You have always been near to us, present in love and grace,  
walking with us on our journey of faith as a community.**

**Be with us now as you have been with those before us,  
that we too may have the courage to walk in new directions  
as we seek to be Christ's hands and feet in the world.**

**In his name, we pray. Amen.**

## We Share

**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

### **LEARNING TOGETHER**

*We explore the theme of the day in an age appropriate format.*

**HYMN:** "Come, Children, Join to Sing" (*Voices United* 345)

**READINGS:** *At end of each reading please say, "Thanks be to God."*  
1 Samuel 3:1-10 and Acts 9:1-6.

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

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**John 21:1-14**

## **REFLECTION ON THE READINGS**

## **SOLO: The Lord's Prayer**

### **We Respond**

#### **CONFESSION OF FAITH ("The Apostles' Creed")**

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,  
creator of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord,  
who was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit  
and born of the Virgin Mary.**

**He suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
was crucified, died, and was buried.**

**He descended to the dead.**

**On the third day he rose again.**

**He ascended into heaven,  
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.**

**He will come again to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church,  
the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins,  
the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.**

#### **PRAYERS OF CONCERN & PRAYER OF JESUS (VU 921)**

### **We Leave to Serve**

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

#### **BENEDICTION AND SENDING FORTH:**

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

**Called by the Risen Christ: we walk on paths of Spirit's leading.**

**Called by the Risen Christ: we will work for a better tomorrow.**

**Called by the Risen Christ: we go out in faith, hope and love!**

#### **POSTLUDE**

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## **St. James United Church**

Chair of the Church Board:	Pamela Norman
Minister:	Rev. James Ravenscroft
Minister Emeritus:	Rev. Dr. Donovan Brown
Music Director:	Amy Dalziel
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## Life and Work – May 4, 2025

### **InsideOUT LGBTQIA+ Spirituality Gathering - Sunday, May 4, 2025:**

InsideOUT is an LGBTQIA+ an opportunity to explore the intersection between queerness and spirituality. Held in the Quadrangle Outreach Room at 7:30PM

**Upcoming Taizé Prayer Service:** This coming Wednesday May 7 at 6:30pm. A time of readings, singing and silent reflection.

**Tapestry - Saturday, May 10 @ 5:30PM:** Beginning with a potluck at 5:30 pm, this service celebrates the strands that make us who we are in terms of faith, experience, and identity.

**Centering Prayer:** Each week on Thursdays at 12:15PM, Rev. James will be leading centering prayer. He will do so via Zoom. Centering prayer is a prayer of quiet and stillness. He will explain it more as part of the group practice.

Follow this link to take part:

<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/82667792442?pwd=AMc6XzwxdKVpDcpiGlbRQoUHnXbhw0.1>

Meeting ID: 826 6779 2442      Passcode: 401894

**Lost and Found:** If any of these items belong to you, please contact the office or come by and pick them up during office hours within the next week. After that they will no longer be here. Thank you!

Everest 2016 Toque  
Tortoise Shell reading glasses  
Grey and Black Shawl  
Miller Thompson Coffee Mug  
FFTL Blue Water Bottle  
Women's Black Leather Gloves  
Red Supplement King Water Bottle  
Brita Water Bottle  
Aqua and Teal Starbucks Cup

## Financial Update from January 1 to March 31, 2025 compared to 2024.

Revenue	2025	2024
Envelopes	46,030	36,496
Rentals	17,764	11,299
Other	<u>10,215</u>	<u>12,151</u>
Total	74,009	59,946

Expenses		
Repairs	2,360	1,429
Heat/Lights	17,092	19,049
Salaries	40,316	43,809
Other	<u>32,130</u>	<u>37,326</u>
Total	91,898	101,612

Net Loss	- 17,889	-41,666
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You can see that we have increased our envelope giving from last year by \$10,000 and also our rentals have increased by \$6,500.

Our expenses are down from last year by \$10,000 mainly due to our insurance going down by \$3,000, heat and lights down by \$2,000 and our salaries down by \$3,000.

As of March 1, 2025 we presently have a deficit of \$20,736.

### Finance Committee

#### **NATIONAL VOLUNTEER WEEK 2025**

April 27 - May 3

**VOLUNTEERS MAKE WAVES**

The theme for National Volunteer Week 2025 is *Volunteers Make Waves*. Like a wave, volunteering is movement building. Water is in constant motion, always flowing, shifting, and transforming with every powerful wave or quiet ripple. Each individual volunteer contribution, big or small, creates momentum and has the power to influence and inspire, joining a wave of positive change.



At St. James United, we depend on the goodness of volunteers to maintain our mission in our community. A simple **THANK YOU** is never enough to express our appreciation.

## Memorial Hymn Sing: Sunday, May 25, 2025

Each year, we take time to remember our loved ones through the fellowship of song. By selecting a hymn in dedication to your loved ones, you are contributing to the life and work of our church, supporting and enhancing the various programs and activities that make St. James United Church the faith community that we love. St. James Guitar Group and our Music Director, Amy Dalziel, will provide the music.

Simply print and complete the form below or write out your requests on a sheet of paper with the required information. Drop them off with your cash or cheque payment (payable to “St. James United Church”) at the office, in the secure drop-box to the right of the office entrance, or by e-mailing them to [info@stjamesuc.org](mailto:info@stjamesuc.org). Payments can also be made by e-transfer to [treasurer@stjamesuc.org](mailto:treasurer@stjamesuc.org).

*Please ensure to note “Hymn Sing” on your envelope or in the subject line online.*

**Submission deadline:** Monday, May 12, 2025

### Hymn Selections from which to choose:

1. **All the Way My Saviour Leads Me**
2. **How Great Thou Art**
3. **I, the Lord of Sea and Sky (Here I Am Lord)**
4. **In the Bulb There Is a Flower**
5. **In the Garden**
6. **Jesus, You Have Come to the Lakeshore**
7. **Morning Has Broken**
8. **Precious Memories**
9. **What a Friend We Have in Jesus**
10. **Will Your Anchor Hold**

Name(s) of Contributor: \_\_\_\_\_

Envelope No. OR Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Donation: \_\_\_\_\_

Hymn Choice: \_\_\_\_\_

In memory of: \_\_\_\_\_

*To contribute more “in memoriums”, please use a separate sheet for each, clearly attributing the contributor’s name to loved one’s name & selected hymn no.; amount; & envelope no. or address.*