



**St. James United Church**  
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## **Celebration of Worship for July 27, 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.

# July 27, 2025, Seventh Sunday after Pentecost

Leading Worship and Music: Rev. James Ravenscroft,  
Amy Dalziel and Glenda Winsor

Ushers: Paula Reynolds, Tim Reynolds, Marilyn Adams & 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 greet each other in Innu-aimun, French & Korean as we give thanks for the land and Indigenous peoples, and commit to full inclusion for all.*

### LIGHTING OF CHRIST CANDLE

**\* SHARING THE PEACE OF CHRIST:** *We extend welcome with signs of Christ's peace, offering a wave, a bow, a hand to the heart.*

### REFLECTIVE MUSIC

### **CALL TO WORSHIP** *(based on Psalm 85)*

We have come together to hear God speak,

**for God speaks peace to the people, with love to his saints.**

We pray that the people will not turn back to folly,

**not folly but abide always in God's grace.**

God's salvation is near to those who honour God.  
**In God steadfast love and faithfulness meet;  
righteousness and peace will kiss.**

## **OPENING PRAYER**

O Holy One, **ever faithful and true!**

**We gather in prayer, called together as siblings,  
every one kissed by your mercy and embraced in your love.  
We give thanks for this blessing and pray that your Spirit  
be here as we worship, here in our hearts, in your word,  
as we gather at your table, and depart to share your love.  
We pray in the power and grace of Jesus our Lord. Amen.**

\* **HYMN:** "Great Is Thy Faithfulness" (*Voices United 288*)

## **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.*



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\* **HYMN:** "Praise God from Whom all Blessings Flow" (*VU 514*)

**Praise God from whom all blessings flow; praise God  
all creatures here below; give thanks to God in love  
made known: Creator, Word and Spirit one.**

# PRAYER OF GRATITUDE AND GRACE

## We Listen and Respond

**READINGS:** *At the end of each reading please say, “Thanks be to God.”*

Hosea 1:1-10 and Luke 11:1-13

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

## REFLECTION ON THE READINGS

## A PAUSE FOR THOUGHT

**SOLO:** “Our Father in Heaven” (Jason Locke) – Glenda Winsor

## INVITATION TO THE TABLE

Welcome to this table both here and across our community.

**A table where everyone belongs, a family in God’s love.**

## THE GREAT PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

God be with you.           **And also with you.**

We open our hearts.   **We open them to God’s love.**

Let us give thanks.      **It is good to give thanks and praise.**

It is good to thank you, Gracious God, who made the world and love all of your creation. You sent your son Jesus into this world to teach us to love as you do, a deep love revealed in his dying and rising, a love that sets us free.

And so we praise you with the saints and angels, saying:

**Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,  
heaven and earth are full of your glory.**

**Hosanna in the highest.**

**Blessed is the One who comes in God's name.  
Hosanna in the highest.**

Trusting that he is with us now, we remember how on the night before his death, he gathered with his disciples. While at table, he took bread, blessed and broke it. He gave it to them saying, "Take, eat, this is my body." In the same way he took the cup and gave it to them saying "Take, drink, this cup is the new covenant in my blood. Do this in remembrance of me."  
In his memory we proclaim the mystery of faith:

Christ has died, Christ is risen, Christ will come again.

We praise you, Holy God, through Jesus Christ, our Lord:  
In his name we pray for your Spirit to be with us now. May we and these gifts be filled with his presence, transformed in love.  
In that love may we work together for the day when your kingdom comes and justice and mercy will be seen in all the earth, and one day we will join with your saints at your table in heaven. Through Christ, with Christ, and in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all honour and glory are yours, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

**THE PRAYER OF JESUS** (*Voices United*, p. 921)

### **SHARING COMMUNION**

Bread of life, broken in union with the brokenness of the world.  
Cup of blessing, poured out as an act of hope.

**Sacred meal, shared in commitment to God's way of love.**

*Everyone is welcome to share communion – all ages, beliefs, identities and life experiences. Come to the front to receive the bread and grape juice (in a small glass). Please consume both before returning to your pew. Please let us know if you need the gluten free option. If you're unable to come forward, someone will bring communion to you.*

## **PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION** *(in unison)*

**Loving God, we thank you for feeding us at this holy table: sustain us with your Spirit, that dwelling in Christ we may serve you on earth until our joy is fulfilled in heaven. Amen.**

### **We Leave to Serve**

\* **HYMN:** "I Heard the Voice of Jesus" (*Voices United* 626)

### \* **BENEDICTION AND SENDING FORTH**

May Christ, who brings rest and hope, fill you with new life; and the blessing of God, Abba, Christ, and Spirit be with you now, and remain with you always. **Amen.**

Go in that blessing to serve in love and to walk humbly with God.  
**Thanks be to God. Amen.**

### **POSTLUDE**

*Please remain seated during the postlude.*

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