



St. James United Church
Belong • Grow • Serve
330 Elizabeth Ave,
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Celebration of Worship for August 10, 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.

August 10, 2025, Ninth Sunday after Pentecost

Leading Worship and Music: Rev. James Ravenscroft,
Bob Rose and Leah Kirk

Ushers: Theresa Roberts-Morrissey, Grace Marcoux,
Wisdom O. Edionhon, Ovie Atamako, and Marilyn Adams

*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 AND LIGHTING OF CHRIST CANDLE

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF LAND AND KINSHIP

We greet each other in Inuktitut, French and German as we acknowledge the land and local Indigenous peoples, committing to full inclusion for all.

* SHARING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

REFLECTIVE MUSIC

CALL TO WORSHIP (*inspired by Psalm 50:1-8, 22-23*)

Do you hear it? From dawn to dusk God calls out to the earth.

From the hilltops and in the valleys we hear God's voice.

How will you respond when God comes to judge the people?

When God comes to renew the ones that are God's own?

Will you say yes when God asks you to walk their righteous way?

We will be true to our pledge, to the covenant that we made.

OPENING PRAYER

Covenanting God, you invite your people to contemplate the life of your kingdom, calling on us to live in faithfulness to your love. Bless us with your Spirit in our gathering today, that in your coming among us, you find our hearts open, each of us ready to follow your life-giving way. We pray in the name of Jesus, your Christ. Amen.

HYMN: “Come Now, Almighty King” (*Voices United* 314)

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), e-transfer (email treasurer@stjamesuc.org), or mail to the church office. In whatever way you support St. James, the community is grateful. Tax receipts available upon request.

*** HYMN: “Praise God from Whom all Blessings Flow” (VU 541)**

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

LEARNING TOGETHER

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

* **HYMN:** “Lord, Prepare Me to Be a Sanctuary” (*More Voices* 18)

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

Isaiah 1:1 and 10-20; and Luke 12:32-40

* **HYMN:** “Come to My Heart” (*Voices United* 661)

READING: *At the end of the reading please say, “Thanks be to God.”* “Morning Poem” – Mary Oliver

REFLECTION ON THE READINGS

A PAUSE FOR THOUGHT: *We pause for a time of quiet reflection.*

SOLO: “We Believe” (Newsboys) – Leah Kirk

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

We pray for the needs of our global and local communities.

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

We Leave to Serve

* **HYMN:** “Amazing Grace” (*Voices United* 266)

* **BENEDICTION AND SENDING FORTH**

May Christ who comes with saving grace, fill you with hope; 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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