

St James United Church
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6TH SUNDAY of EASTER SEASON - MAY 17, 2020

Welcome! We are glad you have joined us in worship. May you feel the warmth of God's presence.

Our Mission:
To live God's love through our actions: Seek, Serve, Challenge.

Reflection Question:
"When has Love lifted me?"

WE GATHER AND APPROACH GOD

Welcome and Announcements – Rev. Coral Prebble

Gathering Hymn V.U. 602 "Blest Be the Tie That Binds" vs. 1, 2 & 4

Cantor: Bill Price, baritone choral lead

Piano: J.-C. Coolen, Minister of Music

- 1 Blest be the tie that binds
 our hearts in Christian love;
 the unity of heart and mind
 is like to that above.**

- 2 Before our Maker's throne
 we pour our ardent prayers;
 our fears, our hopes, our aims are one,
 our comforts and our cares.**

- 4 This glorious hope revives
 our courage on the way;
 that we shall live in perfect love
 in God's eternal day.**

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Lighting the Christ Candle:

One: Jesus, Light of the World, is risen.

All: Let us walk in the Light of Christ's life.

Call to Worship:

One: We are gathered in our different homes, yet unite in praise of God.

All: We join our hearts, minds and spirits to worship our common Creator.

One: We have different experiences, talents, ideas and ways of doing things.

All: Yet we are one in Christ and seek to be one with God and all creation.

Prayer of Approach:

One: God is with you.

All: And also with you.

One: Let us pray:

All: One God in community, today we remember Jesus' prayer for us. Three times he asked that "we may be one" as Jesus and the Father are one. Heighten our awareness of our connection and lead us into oneness with You and all creation. May your Spirit bring us together in a common bond of love, in Jesus' name. Amen.

Hymn V.U. 402 "We Are One" vs. 1, 2 & parts of 3 and 4

Cantor: Bill Price, baritone choral lead

Piano: J.-C. Coolen, Minister of Music

- 1 **We are one as we come,
as we come, joyful to be here,
in the praise on our lips
there's a sense that God is near.
We are one as we sing,
as we seek, we are found;
and we come needful of God's grace
as we meet, together in this place.**

- 2 **We are one as we share,
as we share brokenness and fear,
in the touch of a hand
there's a sense that God is here.
We are one as we care,
as we heal, we are healed;
and we share warmth in God's embrace
as we pray together in this place.**

**3/4 We are one as we hear,
 as we hear, heart and hand unite;
 in the word we receive
 there's a sense that God is light.
 We are one as we come,
 as we feed, we are fed;
 and we feel God's refreshing grace
 as we meet together in this place.**

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LISTENING FOR GOD'S WORD

John 17:6-11, 20-23 Reader: Don Munday
 Jesus prays for his disciples.

Sermon: "Prayer for Oneness"
 - Rev. Coral Prebble

Hymn 79 More Voices: "Spirit, Open My Heart" vs. 1 & 2
 Cantor: Bill Price, baritone choral lead
 Piano: J.-C. Coolen, Minister of Music

Refrain:

**Spirit, open my heart to the pain and joy of living.
 As you love, may I love, in receiving and in giving,
 Spirit, open my heart.**

- 1 God, replace my stony heart
 With a heart that's kind and tender.
 All my coldness and fear
 to your grace I now surrender. Refrain**

- 2 Write your love upon my heart
 as my law, my goal, my story.
 In each thought, word and deed,
 may my living bring you glory. Refrain**

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RESPONDING TO GOD

Prayer of Thanksgiving and Intercession – Rev. Coral Prebble

Musical Offering: "Safe Within Your Arms" – Mark Hayes
 Kathleen Wells, soprano
 J.-C. Coolen, piano

Commissioning and Benediction

Congregational Benediction: "Prayer of Dedication" –Don Besig
 Bill Price, baritone choral lead
 Descant: Kathleen Wells, soprano choral lead
 Piano and Vocal: J.- C. Coolen, Minister of Music

**Go with us, Lord, as now we depart,
 Calming the fears that trouble each heart.
 Keep us all in your grace
 Until we come, again, to this place.**

**Now we will walk in peace with the Lord,
 Living in faith and teaching His word.
 Share His love every day,
 For He has surely shown us the way! Amen.**

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We extend our Love and Sympathy to Ann Linton and family on the death of her dad, Bob Linton, on May 7. Bob was a long-standing member and leader within St. James United Church who contributed generously as a Sunday School teacher, Superintendent, Elder and visitor, Coordinator of Meals on Wheels, Chair of Worship and Music, an usher and good friend.

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Thank you to J.- C. Coolen, Bill Price, and Kathleen Wells for leading us in music and song, to Gord Burrell for creating an audio recording, to Rod Lord for his camera and tripod, to Karen Munday for reading the responsive "All" portions and creating slides of the hymn words and responsive prayers, to Don Munday for reading scripture and creating and producing our audio-visual worship experience.

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Sunday, May 24 online and by telephone

Rev. Kerri Hagerman will be our guest preacher on theme "Creating Space for the Spirit" and waiting for God's promises based on John 14: 15-21. Rev. Kerri was ordained in 2003 and served congregations outside of Winnipeg and in Brampton. In 2012 she received a Master of Theology in Pastoral Studies with a focus on preaching at Emmanuel College in Toronto. Currently, Kerri works for the Peel District School Board as a Resource Teacher supporting Guidance and Career Education through the

promotion of apprenticeship in the skilled trades. She has a son and daughter ages 17 and 20 who attend Kingsway-Lambton United Church in Etobicoke.

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Sunday, May 31 – Celebrating Pentecost and the birth of the Christian Church. Rev. Coral Prebble preaching.

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YouTube Hymns: J.-C. Coolen has a series of YouTube videos to help introduce new hymns and familiar hymns to their original tune. You can view the full list of videos on our church website, here: <http://www.stjamesunitedchurch.com/music/introducing-new-congregational-song/> Please feel free to enjoy and review these introductory videos as much as you desire, and do feel free to sing along!

If you choose to subscribe to our YouTube channel you will receive automatic notifications of new videos.

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Seniors Lunch has been cancelled until the fall, hopefully October 1st.

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Epistle Newsletter – the May issue is now available online at our website as well as a print version for pick up from St. James. Printed copies with a bright yellow cover are available at the glass entrance closest to the parking lot. They will be in a clear plastic bag for now and a special clear outdoor magazine holder will be mounted soon. If you need a copy of the Epistle newsletter delivered to your mailbox, please email at us at stjames_uc@rogers.com or call us at 416-622-4113. If you would be willing to deliver an Epistle to someone from St. James who lives in your neighbourhood please let us know. Thank you to our editors Jennifer Ling and Jennifer Flaxnman and to all who wrote articles or shared content.

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Adult Education Video with Reflection Questions – Thanks to a suggestion from Carol Jones, we will be posting a link to an inspiring and thought-provoking video next week along with questions for your reflection. Stacey Campbell is a Christian and a successful businesswoman who wanted more depth and meaning in her life while living out her faith. She began visiting people in prison and had an aha God experience. <https://www.ideacity.ca/video/stacey-campbell-ha-moment-god/> If you wish to join in a ZOOM conversation with others via computer or telephone please contact Karen Forgrave this week for more details.

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