

St James United Church

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SUNDAY, OCTOBER 18, 2020
Twentieth Sunday after Pentecost

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:

"For what or whom are you thankful?"

WE GATHER AND APPROACH GOD

PRELUDE

Beautiful Saviour – arr. Jeffrey D. Bradford
Renee Fajardo, mezzo-soprano
J.-C. Coolen, piano

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

Alex Grant-Henderson

LIGHTING THE CHRIST CANDLE

One: ... they began to follow him, but they didn't know who he was.

Once when they asked, he said...

All: "I am the Light of the world."

CALL TO WORSHIP

adapted from Psalm 99, Inclusive Bible

One: Let us praise the Great and Awesome One!

All: You are holy and mighty, a Leader who loves justice,

One: who established honesty and righteousness in Israel!

All: You have done this!

We exalt you, O God!

O God, we worship at your footstool!

For you are holy!

Opening Hymn VU 517 *Praise God for the Harvest vs 1, 2, 4 & 5*

Cantor: Renee Fajardo, Alto Choral Lead/Soloist

Piano: J.-C. Coolen, Music Minister

- 1 Praise God for the harvest of orchard and field,
praise God for the people who gather their yield,
the long hours of labour, the skills of a team,
the patience of science, the power of machine.
- 2 Praise God for the harvest that comes from afar,
from market and harbour, the sea and the shore:
foods packed and transported, and gathered and grown
by God-given neighbours, unseen and unknown.
- 4 Praise God for the harvest of science and skill,
the urge to discover, create, and fulfil:
for dreams and inventions that promise to gain
a future more hopeful, a world more humane.
- 5 Praise God for the harvest of mercy and love
from leaders and peoples, who struggle and serve
for fairness and kindness, that all may be led
in freedom and safety, and all may be fed.

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LISTENING FOR GOD'S WORD

HONOURING BILL PRICE

SOLO

How Great Thou Art – Stuart K. Hine

Bill Price, baritone

J.-C. Coolen, piano

READINGS

Exodus 33.12-33

Matthew 22.15-22

MESSAGE

#allthethings

Rev. Maya Douglas

RESPONDING TO GOD

* SERMON HYMN VU 375 *Spirit, Spirit of Gentleness, v. 2 & 4*

Cantor: Renee Fajardo, Alto Choral Lead/Soloist
Piano: J.-C. Coolen, Music Minister

Refrain:

Spirit, Spirit of gentleness,
blow thro' the wilderness calling and free,
Spirit, Spirit of restlessness,
stir me from placidness,
Wind, Wind on the sea.

- 2 You swept thro' the desert, you stung with the sand,
and you goaded your people with a law and a land;
and when they were blinded with their idols and lies,
then you spoke thro' your prophets to open their eyes. R
- 4 You call from tomorrow, you break ancient schemes,
from the bondage of sorrow the captives dream dreams,
our women see visions, our men clear their eyes,
with bold new decisions your people arise. R

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OFFERTORY PRAYER

PASTORAL PRAYER & THE LORD'S PRAYER

*** CLOSING HYMN VU 217 *All Creature of Our God and King, v. 1, 3 & 5***

Cantor: Renee Fajardo, Alto Choral Lead/Soloist
Piano: J.-C. Coolen, Music Minister

- 1 All creatures of our God and King,
lift up your voice and with us sing:
hallelujah, hallelujah!
Bright burning sun with golden beam,
soft shining moon with silver gleam,
sing praises, sing praises,
hallelujah, hallelujah, hallelujah!
- 3 Earth, ever fertile, day by day
brings forth rich blessings on our way:
sing praises, hallelujah!
The flowers and fruits that verdant grow,
let them God's glory also show:

sing praises, hallelujah!
hallelujah, hallelujah, hallelujah!

- 5 Let all things their Creator bless,
and worship God in humbleness:
sing praises, hallelujah!
Praise God eternal, praise the Son,
and praise the Spirit, three in one:
sing praises, hallelujah!
hallelujah, hallelujah, hallelujah!

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BLESSING AND SENDING FORTH

CONGREGATIONAL BLESSING

Prayer of Dedication – Don Besig

Cantor: Renee Fajardo, Alto Choral Lead/Soloist

Descant: Kathleen Wells, Soprano Choral Lead/Soloist

Piano: J.-C. Coolen, Music Minister

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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POSTLUDE

All Creatures of Our God and King

(Fantasy on Lasst uns erfreuen) – Nicholas Palmer

J.-C. Coolen, piano

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Giving leadership in today's service: *(in alphabetical order)*

J.-C. Coolen, Music Minister

Rev. Maya Douglas, Minister of Pastoral Care, Word and Sacrament

Renee Fajardo, Alto Choral Lead/Soloist

Alex Grant-Henderson, Presider

Kathleen Wells, Soprano Choral Lead/Soloist

We are also thankful for those serving as tech support:

Gord Burrell, Don Munday, Karen Munday, Andrew Paley.

God bless our greeters: Nancy & Aldo Violo; and our ushers and counters: Tony Gray, Peter Lawrence, Virginia Lawrence, Bo Porchuk, Judy Porchuk.

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The Sympathy of the congregation is extended to the family of our dear member, Elizabeth Sloma. Elizabeth passed away on the evening of September 25, 2020. Nine days later her husband passed away on October 4th. A memorial service for Elizabeth will be taking place at St. James in the future, as well as a Catholic mass for her husband at Our Lady of Peace. Please join in praying for her family, yet refrain from calling and sending gifts. This is an overwhelming time and privacy has been requested.

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Today's M & S Bulletin Covers have been donated by Lindy O'Connor in gratitude for the gracious and giving congregation of St. James.

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Happy Birthday to our St. James family members who celebrate their birthdays this coming week. We are glad you were born and give God thanks for your lives: Dawn Freeman October 18, Bernie Ginger October 18, Allison Tipler October 21, Kathleen Wells October 21, Aaron Kratt October 24. Please note: anyone submitting the names of people celebrating birthdays needs the permission of those individuals first.

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Sunday School via Zoom, resumes this week, Sunday, October 18, at 1:30 p.m. If you have a child/grandchild from JK to Grade 9 who would like to participate please contact Karen at karen_forgrave@hotmail.com so that she can be sure that you are included in the mailing list, and she can send you the Zoom Link.

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Our Bible Study group will be held over ZOOM every Monday at 1pm, starting on October 19th. Please confirm your interest in joining by contacting Rev. Maya and she will send you the log-in information.

We will read through the four lectionary readings for the week and discuss each one as well as how they may impact our lives and the world.

An evening session will also be made available if a growing interest is shared with Maya. Thanks to all who emailed last week. Newcomers are always welcome!

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Rev. Maya will be hosting a Zoom coffee hour after worship at 12:30 p.m. on Sundays in lieu of "meet and greet" after worship beginning on Sunday, November 1st. More details to come.

If you wish to attend a "Live" service in the sanctuary: please note you **must register ahead** for a place in the sanctuary by contacting Karen Munday at munday@sympatico.ca or 416 233 3619. You can now reserve 2 weeks at a time, but please no more than 2 weeks in advance.

Once registered please arrive at the church by 10:15 a.m. to allow the ushers sufficient time to 'process' and seat you before the service begins at 10:30 a.m. Thank you.

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Coffee for sale - Unused fair trade, organic coffee for hospitality for sale for \$9 a pound. Call Eleanor Harris at 416-234-1365. She can arrange for pickup or delivery.

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OUTREACH APPEAL FOR THE MONTH OF OCTOBER – CAMH (*Centre for Addiction and Mental Health*) is one of five hospitals in the GTA who partnered with the Ministry of Health and Ontario Health to provide resources for frontline healthcare workers. From the CAMH website, "To support patients and their families, it's important that you also take care of yourself. CAMH provides access to mental health and addiction supports for health care workers impacted by the COVID-19 pandemic. This includes access to resources, psychotherapy and psychiatric services." Please support this CAMH initiative. Send your donation to St. James United Church, 400 Burnhamthorpe Rd., Etobicoke ON M9B 2A8 and mark your envelope "CAMH" or "Outreach", **OR** donate on-line at our website www.stjamesunitedchurch.com, please add "Outreach-CAMH" under "special instructions to the seller".

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The SJUC Junior and Youth Choir meets on Thursdays from 6:45 – 7:30 p.m. via Zoom. We are excited to announce the introduction of our very own Vocal Training Academy, for ages 5-17. For details see the e-flyer on St James' website. To register, please complete the short survey at: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/WZTN8YF>

There is no deadline for registration. Singers may join at any time. If you have any questions or concerns, contact Choir Director Wendy Simone at wcsimone@gmail.com.

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Senior Choir rehearsals have resumed, virtually over Zoom, on alternate Thursday evenings at 8 p.m. To participate in the Senior Choir, and for Zoom rehearsal meeting information, please contact J.-C. Coolen, Music Minister, at (905) 683-5757 or jccoolen@sympatico.ca.

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Egg Cartons – Our Food Basket is currently in need of empty, clean, egg cartons. If you have any to donate, please feel free to drop them off at the church anytime during the week during our office hours (Monday to Friday from 9 a.m. to 12 noon, and 1 p.m. to 5 p.m.). Thank you.

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FUTURE SERVICES:

Sunday, October 25, the Rev. Marlene Britton will be our guest preacher. Marlene is the Programme Co-ordinator of Pastoral Relations and Admissions for the Ministry and Employment Unit at General Council.

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Sunday, November 1 is All Saints Day, launch of Stewardship Campaign and Spirit Sunday – A joyful celebration of All Saints Day as children, youth and adults alike are welcome to dress up as Biblical heroes and heroines of our faith.

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