

St James United Church

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SUNDAY, JANUARY 17, 2021

10:30 am

Second Sunday after Epiphany ~ Honouring Kathleen Wells

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 Questions: "What do you believe about God?"

"Why and how has this changed over time?"

WE GATHER AND APPROACH GOD

***Bold** indicates words said by **All**

PRELUDE

The Gift of Love (arr. Hal Hopson)

Bill Price, baritone

J.-C. Coolen, piano

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

Mhairi Godley

LIGHTING OF THE CHRIST CANDLE

There once was someone, who said... and he said,

"I am the Light of the World."

CALL TO WORSHIP

Adapted from: Gill Le Fevre, Walton Memorial UC

The world blares out: bigger, stronger, greater.

And we wonder why we may feel smaller, weaker, less.

We come today seeking God's presence,

seeking to be reminded that throughout every struggle,

God is with us.

God knows us in all our frailty.

God knows us with all our faults.

And yet God loves us.

With care and compassion, God holds us close.

With trust and encouragement,

God calls us as capable servants.

Praise be to God!

Let us worship God!

Let us worship God together!

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OPENING HYMN

Praise the Lord with the Sound of Trumpet

VU 245

Cantor: Bill Price, Baritone Choral Lead/Soloist Emeritus

Trumpet: Albert Conforzi

Piano: J.-C. Coolen, Music Minister

- 1 Praise the Lord with the sound of trumpet,
 praise the Lord with the harp and lute,
 praise the Lord with the gentle-sounding flute.
 Praise the Lord in the field and forest,
 praise the Lord in the city square,
 praise the Lord anytime and anywhere.
 Praise the Lord in the wind and sunshine,
 praise the Lord in the dark of night,
 praise the Lord in the rain or
 snow or in the morning light.
 Praise the Lord in the deepest valley,
 praise the Lord on the highest hill,

praise the Lord, never let your voice be still.

- 2 Praise the Lord with the crashing cymbal,
 praise the Lord with the pipe and string,
 praise the Lord with the joyful songs you sing.
 Praise the Lord on a weekday morning,
 praise the Lord on a Sunday noon,
 praise the Lord by the light of sun or moon.
 Praise the Lord in the time of sorrow,
 praise the Lord in the time of joy,
 praise the Lord every moment,
 nothing let your praise destroy.
 Praise the Lord in the peace and quiet,
 praise the Lord in your work or play,
 praise the Lord everywhere in every way!

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HONOURING KATHLEEN WELLS

LISTENING FOR GOD'S WORD

MUSICAL OFFERING *Here I Am, Lord* (Daniel L. Schutte, arr. Jack Schrader)
 Kathleen Wells, soprano
 J.-C. Coolen, piano

SCRIPTURE READINGS 1 Samuel 3.1-10
 John 1.43-51

SERMON *Calling Us Out, Emerging with Grace* Rev. Maya Douglas

RESPONDING TO GOD

SERMON HYMN *You Call Us Out* **VU 569 v. 1, 2 & 4**
 Cantor: Bill Price, Baritone Choral Lead/Soloist Emeritus
 Piano: J.-C. Coolen, Music Minister

- 1 You call us out to praise you,
 the God who gave us birth,
 to gather in communion,
 and treasure your whole earth;
 we are your living story,
 to hear and to be heard;
 we praise your name, who writes us,
 the author and the word.
- 2 For varied hues and textures,
 new patterns, still you search,
 to weave your seamless garments,
 the fabric of your church;
 our tattered faith you cherish,
 reclaim from wear and moth;
 we praise your name, who twines us,
 the weaver and the cloth.
- 4 The church that offers healing,
 discerns its wounds and loss;
 the church that faces dying,
 shares life beyond the cross;
 to people torn and broken,
 your mercy is revealed;
 we praise your name, who loves us,
 the healer and the healed.

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OFFERTORY PRAYER

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

THE LORD'S PRAYER

VU 921

Our Father, who art in heaven,

**hallowed be thy name,
 thy kingdom come,
 thy will be done,
 on earth, as it is in heaven.**
**Give us this day our daily bread,
 And forgive us our trespasses,
 as we forgive those who trespass against us.**
**And lead us not into temptation,
 but deliver us from evil:
 For thine is the kingdom, the power, and the glory
 forever and ever. Amen.**

CLOSING HYMN

Go to the World

VU 420

Cantor: Bill Price, Baritone Choral Lead/Soloist Emeritus
 Piano: J.-C. Coolen, Music Minister

- 1 Go to the world! Go into all the earth.
 Go preach the cross where Christ renews life's worth,
 baptising as the sign of our rebirth.
 Hallelujah! Hallelujah!
- 2 Go to the world! Go into every place.
 Go live the Word of God's redeeming grace.
 Go seek God's presence in each time and space.
 Hallelujah! Hallelujah!
- 3 Go to the world! Go struggle, bless and pray;
 the nights of tears give way to joyous day.
 As servant Church, you follow Christ's own way.
 Hallelujah! Hallelujah!
- 4 Go to the world! Go as the ones I send,
 for I am with you 'til the age shall end,
 when all the hosts of glory cry 'Amen!'
 Hallelujah! Hallelujah!

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BLESSING AND SENDING FORTH

CONGREGATIONAL BLESSING *Prayer of Dedication* (Don Besig)

Cantor: Bill Price, Baritone Choral Lead/Soloist Emeritus

Descant: Kathleen Wells, Soprano Choral Lead/Soloist Emerita

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 *Farewell, Kathleen* (arr. Larry Shackley) J.-C. Coolen, piano

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Giving leadership in today's service:
 Albert Conforzi, trumpet
 J.-C. Coolen, Music Minister
 Rev. Maya Douglas, Minister of Pastoral Care, Word and Sacrament
 Mhairi Godley, Presider
 Bill Price, Baritone Choral Lead/Soloist Emeritus
 Kathleen Wells, Soprano Choral Lead/Soloist Emerita
 We are also thankful for those serving as tech support:
 Gord Burrell, Jasmin Li, Don Munday, Karen Munday.

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PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Please join Rev. Maya in praying for the members and adherents in our Directory for an ongoing cycle. We hold these members of our faith community in prayer this week:

Nila Hazarika, Ushika Deka; Carol Head; Dave Head & Evelyn Rideout, River, Aidan, Emily, Bohdi, and Davidson; Barry & Ann Holt; Brian & Grace Isard, Philip, and Allen; Dave Jones; Lucille Jones; Rob Jones; Carol Jones & Gord Burrell; Judy Jones & Don Laing.

We join in prayer for healing and transformation with:

Elda Dunham, Betty and Bernie Ginger, Ardith Grant, and Joe Tyler (Nancy Cormier's dad).

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NEXT WEEK: Sunday, January 24

Scripture Readings: Psalm 62.5-12; Jonah 3.1-5, 10; Mark 1:14-20; 1 Corinthians 7.29-31.

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Sympathy of the congregation is extended to the family of Kay Ross, who passed away peacefully in her sleep on January 11, 2021, at the age of 94.

Kay was a member of St. James for approximately 59 years. In her early years here at St. James she was involved with the Sunday School, Office Administration, and was the United Church Women's treasurer for 26 years. In the most recent years, Kay was a telephoner for the Senior's Luncheons, and an active member of the Tray Favour Ladies.

She is remembered by her granddaughters: Michelle Johnson (Lee Walton), Lacey Johnson (Randy Ironstone), Megan Johnson (Matt Moffatt); her grandson: Travis Johnson; and great granddaughter: Eleanor. Due to Covid-19 restrictions, a private family service will be held to celebrate her life.

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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: Jean Spencer January 17, Ale Olmos January 18, Katie Linton January 19, Norm Morrison January 19, Anne Noble January 22, Vic Kitagawa January 24. Please note: anyone submitting the names of people celebrating birthdays needs the permission of those individuals first.

Congratulations Tony Gray!

Tony has won an award for "Outstanding Volunteer Service to the Community". The awards ceremony is today, Sunday, January 17 at 2:00 p.m. hosted by Yvan Baker, Member of Parliament for Etobicoke Centre. To join the virtual celebration and support Tony simply go to www.yvanbaker.ca, choose "Community Recognition Awards" and register your name, email and telephone number to receive an instant Zoom link.

To join in by telephone call 647-374-4685 at 2:00 p.m. When asked to enter your meeting ID press 842 6203 3195#. When asked again simply press # and you are in or on hold until the 2:00 p.m. start.

Highlights of Tony's service at St. James include head usher, elder and member of the Worship and Music Committee for over 40 years, a regular visitor to nine members/shut-ins, member of the Decorating Team, Jamaican Night Fundraiser coordinator in 2019, past chair and member of Stewardship and Finance Committees, Feel Good Food Luncheon set-up, server and bank deposits, percussion and piano accompaniment. In the community Tony has been a Long Term Care Therapeutic Keyboard Musician, a Cancer Society and Heart and Stroke canvasser/fundraiser, World Vision sponsor and Life Change Network volunteer. Look forward to the February Epistle for a fuller description of this spirit-filled, generous and multi-talented man.

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St. James Office Hours: During the mandatory "stay at home" order, our office administrator will only be in the office on Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday. She will work from home on Thursday and Friday.

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Worship Service Coffee Hour: To join Rev. Maya after worship at 12:30 p.m. on Sundays in lieu of "meet and greet", please use one of the following options.

Using the link below:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81414121724?pwd=S1lJakFPSnM5UEx1UWVUNHI5MktSUT09Using> Zoom:

Meeting ID: 814 1412 1724

Passcode: 555637

OR

If you wish to phone in, please use the following information.

Dial by your location

+1 647 558 0588 Canada OR +1 647 374 4685 Canada

Meeting ID: 814 1412 1724 Passcode: 555637

Sunday School via Zoom, 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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Epistle Newsletter – The deadline for submission to the *Epistle* Newsletter is Sunday, January 24 at noon. Email submissions can be sent to sjepistle@yahoo.com.

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As part of St James' farewell gift to Kathleen Wells on her retirement, Janet Van Melle is creating a booklet of the Choirs and Congregation's best wishes and notes of gratitude. If you wish to contribute words of appreciation and/or share some special memory of Kathleen with her, Janet would be pleased to include them in the booklet. Please email Janet your message before January 25th. (janetvanmelle@gmail.com) or send to Kathleen directly (her address is in the church directory).

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Our Bible Study group meets Mondays via ZOOM at 1p.m. Please confirm your interest in joining by contacting Rev. Maya at revmaya.douglas@gmail.com 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. Newcomers are always welcome!

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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 are 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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2021 Offering Envelopes are available for pick-up in the main hallway of the church during regular office hours. Please deliver those of friends and neighbours where

possible, thank you. Please note that if you donate through the PAR program, you will not be issued a box of envelopes.

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Week of Prayer for Christian Unity: Sunday, January 24, at 4 p.m. on Facebook Live at <https://www.facebook.com/agincourtcommunitychurch> RSVP: The Rev. Dr. John Joseph Mastandrea, Chairperson, The Greater Toronto Area Christian Council of Churches, at ministerruc@gmail.com or 416-809-6044. For more details on this event, please visit <https://www.weekofprayer.ca>.

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St. James' Annual General Meeting will be held over Zoom on Sunday, March 7. Time and Zoom details to follow.

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FUTURE SERVICES:

Sundays, January 24 & 31 the Rev. Debbie Johnson will lead us in worship while the Rev. Maya Douglas is on study leave in preparation for Lent and Easter.

Sunday, February 7, we will begin to celebrate Black History Month!

Sunday, February 14 is Transfiguration Sunday. We will have Communion.

Sunday, February 21, the Unified Board will meet over Zoom after the service at 12:30pm.

Sunday, February 28 is our Covenanting Sunday during which we will covenant with the Rev. Maya Douglas. Our presider will be the Rev. Kathryn Moase representing Shining Waters Regional Council. The Rev. Marlene Britton from General Council will return as our guest preacher.

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