

St James United Church

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SUNDAY, JUNE 13, 2021

10:30 am

Children's Sunday
Third 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.

WE GATHER AND APPROACH GOD

**Bold indicates words said by All*

PRELUDE

Jesus Loves Me (arr. Joel Raney)
J.-C. Coolen, piano

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

LIGHTING OF THE CHRIST CANDLE

Laura Forgrave

Children of God,
long before there was you and me, there was nothing.
And the Creator said, "Let there be light!"
And the Light was good!

CALL TO WORSHIP

Come in and be as children!

We will rejoice in our friendships;

We will praise joyfully!

Come in and be as children!

**We will play in the blowing winds
and dance in the sunshine!**

Come in and be as children!

**We will trust, and pray,
and take time to worship God!**

Come in and be as children,

for we are blessed as children of God!

OPENING HYMN

Come, Children, Join to Sing

VU 345

Cantor: Anna Wojcik, Soprano Choral Lead/Soloist

Piano: J.-C. Coolen, Music Minister

- 1 Come, children, join to sing: Hallelujah!
Praise to our Servant King: Hallelujah!
Let all with heart and voice,
saved by God's gracious choice,
now in this place rejoice: Hallelujah!
- 2 Come, lift your hearts on high: Hallelujah!
Let praises fill the sky: Hallelujah!
Christ calls his people friends,
the helpless he defends,
a love that never ends: Hallelujah!
- 3 Praise yet our Christ again: Hallelujah!
Raise high the joyous strain: Hallelujah!
The whole creation o'er
let all God's love adore,
singing for evermore: Hallelujah!

A TIME OF WONDER

LISTENING FOR GOD'S WORD

CHORAL ANTHEM *Never Ending Joy* (arr. J.-C. Coolen) **MV 40**
 Junior-Youth Choir
 Wendy Simone, Junior-Youth Choir Director/video auditor
 J.-C. Coolen, piano/audio editor

HEBREW SCRIPTURE 1 Samuel 16.3-13

SERMON *What Are You Waiting For?* **Rev. Maya Douglas**

RESPONDING TO GOD

SERMON HYMN *I Have Called You by Your Name* **MV 161**
 (cantor vs 1, congregation+cantor vs 1-4)
 Cantor: Anna Wojcik, Soprano Choral Lead/Soloist
 Piano: J.-C. Coolen, Music Minister

- 1 I have called you by your name, you are mine;
 I have gifted you and ask you now to shine.
 I will not abandon you;
 all my promises are true.
 You are gifted, called, and chosen; you are mine.
- 2 I will help you learn my name as you go;
 read it written in my people, help them grow.
 Pour the water in my name,
 speak the word your soul can claim,
 offer Jesus' body given long ago.
- 3 I know you will need my touch as you go;
 feel it pulsing in creation's ebb and flow.

Like the woman reaching out,
choosing faith in spite of doubt,
hold the hem of Jesus' robe, then let it go.

- 4 I have given you a name, it is mine;
I have given you my Spirit as a sign.
With my wonder in your soul,
make my wounded children whole;
go and tell my precious people they are mine.

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OFFERTORY PRAYER

MUSICAL OFFERING *The Prayer* (Carole Bayer Sager and David Foster)
Anna Wojcik, soprano
J.-C. Coolen, piano

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE & LORD'S PRAYER

CLOSING HYMN *One More Step Along the World I Go* **VU 639**
Cantor: Anna Wojcik, Soprano Choral Lead/Soloist
Piano: J.-C. Coolen, Music Minister

- 1 One more step along the world I go,
one more step along the world I go,
from the old things to the new,
keep me travelling along with you:

*Refrain: And it's from the old I travel to the new;
keep me travelling along with you.*

- 2 Round the corner of the world I turn,
more and more about the world I learn;
all the new things that I see

you'll be looking at along with me: R
 3 As I travel through the bad and good,
 keep me travelling the way I should;
 where I see no way to go
 you'll be telling me the way, I know: R

4 Give me courage when the world is rough,
 keep me loving though the world is tough,
 leap and sing in all I do,
 keep me travelling along with you: R

5 You are older than the world can be,
 you are younger than the life in me,
 ever old and ever new,
 keep me travelling along with you: R

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BLESSING AND SENDING FORTH

CONGREGATIONAL BLESSING *Prayer of Dedication* (Don Besig/Nancy Price)

Cantor: Renee Fajardo, Alto Choral Lead/Soloist
 Descant: Anna Wojcik, 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 *Go, Children, Live Your Song* (arr. Becki Slagle Mayo)
J.-C. Coolen, piano

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Giving leadership in today's service:

J.-C. Coolen, Music Minister

Laura Forgrave, Presider

Karen Forgrave & The Sunday School Children

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

Anna Wojcik, Soprano Choral Lead/Soloist

Wendy Simone, Junior-Youth Choir Director

Renee Fajardo, Alto Choral Lead/Soloist

We are also thankful for those serving as tech support:

Gord Burrell, Jasmin Li, Don Munday, Karen Munday.

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NEXT WEEK: Indigenous Sunday ~ Fathers' Day– Sunday, June 20

Scripture Readings: Psalm 9.9-20; Isaiah 40.25-31; John 1.1-18; 2 Corinthians 6.1-13.

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

We, at St. James United Church, **thank Karen Forgrave for continuing our Sunday School** online during the COVID-19 pandemic. Her service and ministry have been exemplary! The families and the larger church community are grateful.

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There will be a Congregational Meeting online, on Wednesday, June 16 at 7:30 pm. The purposes of the meeting are to accept recommendations on changing the church website and to accept the 2019 and 2020 Financial Statements. An email will be sent out on Monday, June 14, with information on how to join the meeting.

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Worship Service Coffee Time: There will be no coffee hour this Sunday after worship.

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Communion Outreach Offering: Our Communion Outreach Offering will go to support services provided by The Scott Mission. The Scott Mission, 502 Spadina Ave, has been able to remain open during COVID-19, continuing to provide food bank services, hot meals, and access to their clothing bank. When St James' Food Basket is closed clients use The Mission's clothing bank and food bank. **Today, is the last day to donate** to The Scott Mission. Please send your donations to St. James United Church, 400 Burnhamthorpe Rd., Etobicoke, ON, M9B 2A8 and mark your envelope "for The Scott Mission," OR donate on-line at our website < www.stjamesunitedchurch.com >. Please add "for The Scott Mission" under "special instructions to the seller". Thank you so much.

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Sunday School is wrapping up for this school year!

Sunday, June 13th at 1:30pm is the **FAMILY SCAVENGER HUNT EVENT** in lieu of our Picnic Sunday. Families will be given a list and 40 minutes to get outside and find things on their lists, taking photos of the items and returning to share them online! Lot of fun for everyone! Join with the Zoom link sent out by Karen or contact her at karen_forgrave@hotmail.com if you need more information.

Sunday, June 20th is Father's Day! Students will meet online at the regular time at 1:30pm to create a Father's Day craft together. This will be our last meeting of Sunday School until September. Have a great summer, everyone!

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In response to the 215 children buried unceremoniously at the Kamloops Residential School, Bloordale United Church has shared the following message:

A few of us have been sharing our grief and lament over the discovery of the remains of the 215 children at the Kamloops Residential School, and beyond the advocacy and action that we are asked to take up, including writing letters about the passage of Bill C-15, the implementation of the TRC Calls to Action, etc., we also wanted to undertake a more local expression of solidarity and support.

So a member of the Bloordale Outreach team suggested we invite people, from our own faith community, from other faith communities, and from the general public, to **bring a pair of shoes and place them on our church's front steps as a means of making a public witness.** Rev Maya will be taking a pair of shoes over to Bloordale U.C. after worship **this Sunday.** Anyone who wishes to join her is welcome.

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This Monday will be the last Bible Study until September 13th.

Our Bible Study group meets Mondays via Zoom at 1 p.m. and 7 p.m. The first and third Monday evening of every month, Bible Study will be for youth and young adults. The second and fourth Monday evening of every month, Bible Study will be for adults. 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! Please use the same Zoom information for both 1 p.m. and 7 p.m.

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87231297360?pwd=NzVubjZnbjZsUEdmRG84MzFPaTZlOT09>

Meeting ID: 872 3129 7360

Passcode: 983213

Dial by your location:

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

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The SJUC Junior & Youth Choir and Vocal Academy is wrapping up for the year. If you are between 5-17 years old and would like to join us in the Fall, please contact Choir Director, Wendy Simone at wcsimone@gmail.com for more information.

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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.

Choral Leads/Soloists' Concert Connection. Our fantastic St James Choral Leads/Soloists are performing in a variety of settings in the wider community. Below, please find information on their upcoming performances. We invite you to take in these excellent performances by our Choral Leads/Soloists and their musical colleagues!

Upcoming Events

June 23 - July 21, 2021

Gustav Holst's *Savitri*

Against the Grain Theatre

including Renee Fajardo, St James' Alto Choral Lead/Soloist in the Chorus

Available on-demand for free (with the option to donate) [Savitri: get your tickets here](#)

[AtG's Savitri Trailer](#)

[Savitri Webpage](#)

Current/Archived Events

YouTube Premiere: Saturday, May 29, 2021, at 7:00 p.m.

Archive Recording: <https://youtu.be/4fQBJduqZAA>

Anna Wojcik, soprano

End-of-year Recital

Glenn Gould School

On-line Premiere: Thursday, May 20, 2021, at 3:00 pm

Archive Recording: <https://www.royalconservatory.live/videos/the-glenn-gould-school-vocal-showcase>

Glenn Gould School Vocal Showcase Concert

including Anna Wojcik, St James' Soprano Choral Lead/Soloist

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UPCOMING EVENTS:

Collier Street United Church's Social Action Task Force, the same people who held the Lenten Book Study, invites us to hear **Kelly Brownbill** speak on Indigenous '**Land Acknowledgements - Why are we doing them?**' on **Tuesday June 15 at 7 pm**. This will be a virtual event. Please join Rev. Maya in registering at:

<http://collierunitedjune15.eventbrite.com/>

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FUTURE SERVICES:

June 20, 2021 is Fathers' Day and Indigenous Sunday. Our guest preacher will be the Rev. Evan Swance-Smith from the Toronto Urban Native Ministry.

There will be no live streamed service on June 27, 2021. We will share links for services elsewhere.

St. James UC will be hosting joint summer services on **July 4, July 11, and July 18 at 10:30 a.m.** Please join us and invite your friends to check us out online!

Richview UC will host July 25th to August 8th, and

Bloordale UC will host August 15th to August 29th.

All summer services will be online with the hopes that we may return to in-person worship in the fall.

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