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**SUNDAY, JULY 4, 2021**  
**10:30 am**

*Sixth Sunday after Pentecost*

*Welcome to this joint worship service  
with our friends from Bloordale and Richview United Churches!  
We are glad you joined us.  
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**      *Praise to the Lord, the Almighty* (arr. Lloyd Larson)  
J.-C. Coolen, piano

**WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS**      Karen Munday

**LIGHTING OF THE CHRIST CANDLE**

There once was someone, who said... and he said,  
**"I am the Light of the World."**

**CALL TO WORSHIP**      Laura Turnbull

The long, beautiful days of summer beckon us to worship.

**In the beauty of this day, we gather to sing  
praise and unite our hearts in prayer.**

Draw close to the words of eternal life.

**In faith, we proclaim, "Christ is the Holy One of God."**

In faith, let us worship God.

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**OPENING HYMN**

*Praise to the Lord, the Almighty*

**VU 220**

Cantor: Renee Fajardo, Alto Choral Lead/Soloist

Piano: J.-C. Coolen, Music Minister

- 1 Praise to the Lord, the Almighty, who rules all creation;  
O my soul, praise him, at all times your health and salvation.  
Come, all who hear:  
brothers and sisters draw near,  
joining in glad adoration.
  
- 2 Praise to the Lord, above all things so mightily reigning,  
keeping us safe at his side, and so gently sustaining.  
Have you not seen  
how all you needed has been  
met by God's gracious ordaining?
  
- 3 Praise to the Lord who will prosper our work and defend us;  
surely his goodness and mercy will daily attend us:  
ponder anew  
what the Almighty can do,  
who out of love will befriend us.
  
- 4 Praise to the Lord! O let all that is in me adore him!  
All that has life and breath come now with praises before him!  
Let the Amen  
sound from God's people again:  
gladly with praise we adore him.

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## LISTENING FOR GOD'S WORD

### A TIME OF WONDER

**HEBREW SCRIPTURE**      2 Samuel 5.1-5, 9-10

**MUSICAL OFFERING**      *Alleluia* (Ferdinand Hummel)  
 Renee Fajardo, mezzo-soprano  
 J.-C. Coolen, piano

**SERMON**                    *Occupy the Stronghold*                    Rev. Maya Douglas

### RESPONDING TO GOD

**SERMON HYMN**              *Your Hand, O God, Has Guided*                    **VU 274**  
 Cantor: Renee Fajardo, Alto Choral Lead/Soloist                    *v. 1, 3, 4, 5*  
 Piano: J.-C. Coolen, Music Minister

1     Your hand, O God, has guided  
       your flock from age to age;  
       the wondrous tale is written,  
       full clear, on every page.  
 Our forebears owned your goodness,  
       and we their deeds record;  
 and both to this bear witness:  
       one church, one faith, one Lord.

3     Through many days of darkness,  
       through many scenes of strife,  
       the faithful few fought bravely  
       to guard your people's life.  
 Their gospel of redemption,  
       sin pardoned, earth restored,  
 was all in this enfolded:  
       one church, one faith, one Lord.

4 And we, shall we be faithless?  
 Shall hearts fail, hands hang down?  
 Shall we evade the conflict  
     and cast away our crown?  
 Not so: in God's deep counsels  
     some better thing is stored;  
 we will maintain, unflinching,  
     one church, one faith, one Lord.

5 Your mercy will not fail us,  
     nor leave your work undone;  
 with your right hand to help us,  
     the victory shall be won;  
 and then, by earth and heaven,  
     your name shall be adored,  
 and this shall be our anthem:  
     one church, one faith, one Lord.

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## OFFERTORY PRAYER

## PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE & LORD'S PRAYER

<b>CLOSING HYMN</b>	<i>You Shall Go Out with Joy</i>	<b>VU 884</b>
Cantor: Renee Fajardo, Alto Choral Lead/Soloist		<i>Sung 3 times</i>
Piano: J.-C. Coolen, Music Minister		

You shall go out with joy and be led forth with peace;  
 the mountains and the hills will break forth before you,  
 there'll be shouts of joy, and all the trees of the field  
 will clap, will clap their hands!

And all the trees of the field will clap their hands, (clap, clap)  
 the trees of the field will clap their hands, (clap, clap)

the trees of the field will clap their hands (clap, clap)  
while you go out with joy.

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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**

*Leaning on the Everlasting Arms* (arr. Marianne Kim)  
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

Karen Munday, Presider

Anna Wojcik, Soprano 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: Seventh Sunday after Pentecost – Sunday, July 11, 2021.**

Scripture Readings: Psalm 24, 85.8-13; 2 Samuel 6.1-5, 12b-19; Amos 7.7-15; Mark 6.14-29; Ephesians 1.3-14.

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### **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**We welcome the congregants of Bloordale UC and Richview UC who are worshipping with us this Sunday. Thank you for joining us! Feel free to join our virtual coffee time to say, "hi" (Zoom meeting info below).**

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**Worship Service Coffee Time:** Please join Rev. Maya immediately after worship on **Sundays** over Zoom 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>

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 +1 647 374 4685 Canada

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**Our Bible Study groups will not meet until September 13th.**

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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. **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.**

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**Children from our Sunday School** have enjoyed participating in "Go Project" Camps (Christian-based camps which integrate a "service project" - whether that is doing a creek clean-up, or preparing bagged lunches for a youth shelter, etc.).

This year, things look a little different, but they are offering day camps in both Barrie and Toronto. Camps are for Grades 1-7 students, and are \$175 per week.

If you are interested, more information and the registration form is available here - feel free to pass on the link to others who may be interested:

<https://thegoproject.ca/childrens-adventure-camps/>

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**The SJUC Junior & Youth Choir and Vocal Academy:** 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](mailto:wcsimone@gmail.com) for more information.

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**Senior Choir rehearsals** have concluded for the spring, and will resume on Thursday evening, Sept. 9 (time and format TBD). To participate in the Senior Choir, and for rehearsal information, please contact J.-C. Coolen, Music Minister, at (905) 683-5757 or [jccoolen@sympatico.ca](mailto:jccoolen@sympatico.ca).

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**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!

## Current/Archived Events

YouTube Premiere: Thursday, June 24, 2021, at 7:00 p.m.  
Archive available until July 24

Cawthra Park Secondary School Spring '21 musical: *Matilda*  
*featuring Nicholas Grynewski, St James' Baritone Choral Lead/Soloist Scholar as The Trunchbull*

Web site: <https://sites.google.com/pdsb.net/cawthraparkmatilda2021/home>

OR <https://cawthraparkmatilda2021.com>

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](#)

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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**Summer Donations:** If you are not a PAR (Pre-Authorized Remittance) donor and plan to be away during the summer months, please consider leaving postdated cheques in the office to cover your summer donations. They can be mailed to the church or dropped off in the church mail slot at the front doors, as well as dropped off to the church office. You might even want to consider enrolling in the PAR program which ensures your monthly donations are received by St. James electronically.

As always, donations may be made electronically at any time via PayPal, credit or debit card at <http://www.stjamesunitedchurch.com/donate/>, or via e-transfer to <stjames\_uc@rogers.com>.

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## **UPCOMING EVENTS:**

### **Summer Book Study: "The Gifts of Imperfection: Let Go of Who You Think You're Supposed to Be and Embrace Who You Are" by Brene Brown**

Rev. Maya will lead this book study on wholehearted living on **Wednesdays at 7 pm**. If you want to participate, please order a paper copy from a book store, or an e-book online, or get a copy from the public library. Please join us from anywhere.

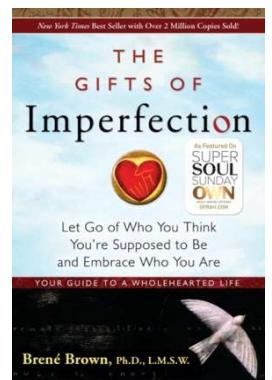
July 7 - Introduction to "The Things That Get in the Way"

July 14 - Guidepost #1 - Guidepost #3

July 21 - Guidepost #4 - Guidepost #5

July 28 - Guidepost #7 - Guidepost #8

August 5 - Guidespost #9 - Guidepost #10



Join Zoom Meeting

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Find your local number: <https://us02web.zoom.us/u/kdvKAUTRgd>

**FUTURE SERVICES:**

St. James UC will be hosting joint summer services on **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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