

St James United Church

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SUNDAY, MAY 2, 2021

10:30 am

69th Anniversary Sunday

Fifth Sunday of Easter ~ Asian Heritage Month



*The lotus flower is a symbol of rebirth in Asia.
It submerges in still water each night to re-bloom the next day.*

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**

^A denotes composer or arranger of Asian heritage.

PRELUDE

Praise Ye the Lord, the Almighty (arr. Tedd Smith)
J.-C. Coolen, piano

ST. JAMES VIDEO

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

LIGHTING OF THE CHRIST CANDLE

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

CALL TO WORSHIP

We gather, looking back and honouring tradition,
looking forward and seeing our path.

We celebrate who we are today,
**welcoming opportunities before us and
 giving thanks for all our shared stories.**

Our ministries, challenges, and blessings
 make us who we are and who we will become.

Together we pray for a future of grace and wisdom.

Together, let us worship God.

**Let us worship our God
 of yesterday, today, and tomorrow together!**

OPENING HYMN

Alleluia! Jesus Is Risen!

Tune: EARTH AND ALL STARS VU 888

(cantor vs 1, congregation+cantor vs 1, 2, 3, 5)

Cantor: Nicholas Gryniewski, Baritone Choral Lead/Soloist Scholar

Piano: J.-C. Coolen, Music Minister

- 1 Alleluia! Jesus is risen!
 Trumpets resounding in glorious light!
 Splendor, the Lamb, Heaven forever!
 Oh, what a miracle God has in sight!
 Jesus is risen and we shall arise.
 Give God the glory! Alleluia!

- 2 Walking the way, Christ in the center
 Telling the story to open our eyes;
 Breaking our bread, giving us glory:
 Jesus our blessing, our constant surprise.
 Jesus is risen and we shall arise.
 Give God the glory! Alleluia!
- 3 Jesus the vine, we are the branches:
 Life in the Spirit the fruit of the tree;
 Heaven to earth, Christ to the people,
 Gift of the future now flowing to me.
 Jesus is risen and we shall arise.
 Give God the glory! Alleluia!
- 5 City of God, Easter forever,
 Golden Jerusalem, Jesus the Lamb,
 River of life, saints and archangels,
 Sing with creation to God the I AM!
 Jesus is risen and we shall arise.
 Give God the glory! Alleluia!

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OPENING PRAYER

O God, you came to the disciples
 and offered them Easter assurance.

**You came to Thomas
 and offered him resurrection hope.**

**You came to us followers as we travel
 and offer us food for thought.**

Come to us in this time of worship,
 and fill us with faith, hope, and love.

**Come to us in the upcoming years
 and fill us with courage and resiliency.**

Come to us, O God, and fill us with peace. Amen.

A TIME OF WONDER**LISTENING FOR GOD'S WORD**

MUSICAL OFFERING *Great Is Thy Faithfulness* (arr. Dan Forrest)
 Nicholas Gryniewski, baritone
 J.-C. Coolen, piano

HEBREW SCRIPTURE Isaiah 6.1-8

GREEK SCRIPTURE John 15.1-8

SERMON Rev. Dr. Susan Eagle

RESPONDING TO GOD

SERMON HYMN *Let Us Build a House (All Are Welcome)* **MV 1**
 Cantor: Nicholas Gryniewski, Baritone Choral Lead/Soloist Scholar *vs. 1, 4 & 5*
 Piano: J.-C. Coolen, Music Minister

- 1 Let us build a house where love can dwell and all can safely live,
 A place where saints and children tell how hearts learn to forgive.
 Built of hopes and dreams and visions, rock of faith and vault of grace;
 here the love of Christ shall end divisions:
 All are welcome, all are welcome, all are welcome in this place.
- 4 Let us build a house where hands will reach beyond the wood and stone
 to heal and strengthen, serve and teach, and live the Word they've known.
 Here the outcast and the stranger bear the image of God's face;
 let us bring an end to fear and danger:
 All are welcome, all are welcome, all are welcome in this place.
- 5 Let us build a house where all are named, their songs and visions heard
 and loved and treasured, taught and claimed as words within the Word.
 Built of tears and cries and laughter, prayers of faith and songs of grace;

let this house proclaim from floor to rafter:

All are welcome, all are welcome, all are welcome in this place.

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OFFERTORY PRAYER

PASTORAL PRAYER & THE LORD'S PRAYER

CLOSING HYMN *St. James' Anniversary Hymn* *vs. 1, 2 & 5*

Tune: CWM RHONDDA VU 651

Cantor: Nicholas Gryniewski, Baritone Choral Lead/Soloist Scholar

Piano: J.-C. Coolen, Music Minister

- 1 We give thanks for those who formed us,
while we were in Wedgewood School.
Charter members heard God calling,
time and treasure they did pool.
St. James, St. James,
Sixty-nine and going strong,
Sixty-nine and going strong.

- 2 We give thanks for faithful service,
men and women, children, youth,
Shine God's light and make a difference;
asking questions, seeking truth.
Faithful witness, faithful witness
To our living, loving God.
To our living, loving God.

- 5 We give thanks for lasting friendships,
People who enrich our lives;
Who in times of joy or sorrow
Have stood firmly by our sides.
Loving people, loving people
Spirit-filled community,

Spirit-filled community.

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BLESSING AND SENDING FORTH

CONGREGATIONAL BLESSING

Blest Be the Tie That Binds

VU 602
vs 1, 3 & 4

Cantor: Nicholas Gryniewski, Baritone Choral Lead/Soloist Scholar

Piano: J.-C. Coolen, Music Minister

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

- 3 We share each other's woes,
each other's burdens bear;
and often for each other flows
the sympathizing tear.

- 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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POSTLUDE

Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah (arr. Larry Shackley)
J.-C. Coolen, piano

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Giving leadership in today's service:

J.-C. Coolen, Music Minister

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

Rev. Dr. Susan Eagle, Guest Minister

Nicholas Gryniewski, Baritone Choral Lead/Soloist Scholar

We are also thankful for those serving as tech support:

Gord Burrell, Karen Forgrave, Jordan Li, Don Munday, Karen Munday.

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NEXT WEEK: Easter 6 – Sunday, May 9

Scripture Readings: Psalm 98; John 15.9-17; Acts 10.44-48; 1 John 5.1-6.

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

We welcome this morning Rev. Dr. Susan Eagle as our guest minister. She is minister of Grace United Church in Barrie and chair of the Shining Waters Social and Ecological Justice Commission. Formerly, she served the Delaware-Kilworth Pastoral Charge and the ELUCO outreach ministry in London. She was a London City Councillor for four terms, from 1997 to 2010, working on homelessness and affordable housing policy. She has also worked on the Board of the Canadian Council of Churches and the Church and Society committee of the World Council of Churches.

Daughter of Rev Glen and Joyce Eagle, Susan spent her adolescent and teenage years at St James, active in many of the youth activities.

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Worship Service Coffee Hour: To join Rev. Maya after worship at 12:30 p.m. 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=S1lJakFPSnM5UEEx1UWVUNHI5MktSUT09Using>

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

Meeting ID: 814 1412 1724 Passcode: 555637

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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=NzVubjZnbjZsUEdmRG84MzFPaTZlQT0>

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Sunday School every Sunday at 1:30 p.m. over Zoom. 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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The SJUC Junior & Youth Choir and Vocal Academy is going strong and continues to welcome any enthusiastic young people aged 5-17 looking for a musical outlet. Rehearsals and private lessons are held on alternating Thursday evenings over Zoom. Please contact choir director Wendy Simone at wcsimone@gmail.com for more information and to register. We'd love to have you!

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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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We've posted a new episode in our series of YouTube videos to help introduce new congregational song, introducing VU 169 Good Christians All, Rejoice and Sing. You may

view it at <https://youtu.be/L4zaEuhaCMo>. You can also view the full list of videos on the 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'd like to receive automatic notifications whenever we release a new video, directly to the bottom right of the YouTube video window, click on the red Subscribe button, then click on the Notifications bell.

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FUTURE SERVICES:

May 9, 2021 is Easter 6 & Mothers' & Christian Family Day.

May 16, 2021 is Easter 7 & Mental Health Sunday.

May 23, 2021 is Pentecost Sunday. We will celebrate Holy Communion.

May 30, 2021 is Trinity Sunday. We will celebrate Asian Heritage.

Guest preacher TBA.

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