

St James United Church
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SUNDAY, MAY 9, 2021
10:30 am

*Mothers' Day ~ Christian Family Sunday
Sixth 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*

PRELUDE

The Gift of Love (arr. John Carter)
J.-C. Coolen, piano

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

Randy Wilson

LIGHTING OF THE CHRIST CANDLE

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

CALL TO WORSHIP

based on Psalm 98

O sing to the LORD a new song,
 for God has done marvelous things!

**Make a joyful noise to the LORD, all the earth;
 break forth into joyous song and sing praises!**

Sing praises to the LORD with the lyre,
 with the lyre and the sound of melody.

**With trumpets and the sound of horn
 make a joyful noise before the LORD.**

Let the sea roar, and all that fills it;
 the world and those who live in it.

**Let the floods clap their hands;
 let the hills sing together for joy
 at the presence of the LORD,
 for God is coming to judge the earth.**

And how will the LORD judge the earth?

With righteousness, and the peoples with equity!

**O sing to the LORD a new song,
 for God has done marvelous things!**

OPENING HYMN*Come In, Come In and Sit Down*

VU 395

(refrain, vs 1+2, refrain, vs 3+4, refrain)

Cantor: Anna Wojcik, Soprano Choral Lead/Soloist

Piano: J.-C. Coolen, Music Minister

*Refrain: Come in, come in and sit down,
 you are a part of the family.
 We are lost and we are found,
 and we are a part of the family.*

- 1 You know the reason why you came,
yet no reason can explain;
so share in the laughter and cry in the pain,
for we are a part of the family.
- 2 God is with us in this place,
like a mother's warm embrace.
We're all forgiven by God's grace,
for we are a part of the family. *Refrain*
- 3 There's life to be shared in the bread and the wine;
we are the branches, Christ is the vine.
This is God's temple, it's not yours or mine,
but we are a part of the family.
- 4 There's rest for the weary and health for us all;
there's a yoke that is easy, and a burden that's small.
So come in and worship and answer the call,
for we are a part of the family. *Refrain*

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OPENING PRAYER

Today, O God, we gather on Christian Family Sunday,
on Mothers' Day, to give thanks and to pray for our families.

**We thank you for families rooted in love,
where character is formed and values are learned,
where lives are filled with hopefulness and laughter.**

And, we acknowledge that families often need moments of healing.
There are sometimes hurt feelings; members grieve loss.

**Forgive us, gracious God.
Where there is pain, offer us comfort.
Where there is resentment or bitterness,
enter with your healing love.**

Increase our compassion towards all with painful memories.
Open our hearts to your abiding joy and radical hospitality.

Compel us to love unabashedly,
**as we pray with hope that all families,
 may be a source of blessing and abundant life. Amen.**

A TIME OF WONDER

LISTENING FOR GOD'S WORD

MUSICAL OFFERING	<i>You Raise Me Up</i> (Rolf Lovland and Brendan Graham) Anna Wojcik, soprano J.-C. Coolen, piano	
GREEK SCRIPTURE	John 15.9-17	
REFLECTION	<i>I Choose You</i>	Rev. Maya Douglas

RESPONDING TO GOD

SERMON HYMN	<i>God Who Gives to Life Its Goodness</i>	VU 260
	Cantor: Anna Wojcik, Soprano Choral Lead/Soloist Piano: J.-C. Coolen, Music Minister	
1	God who gives to life its goodness, God creator of all joy, God who gives to us our freedom, God who blesses tool and toy: teach us now to laugh and praise you, deep within your praises sing, till the whole creation dances for the goodness of its King.	

2	God who fills the earth with beauty, God who binds each friend to friend, God who names us co-creators
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God who wills that chaos end:
 grant us now creative spirits,
 minds responsive to your mind,
 hearts and wills your rule extending
 all our acts by Love refined.

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OFFERTORY PRAYER

PASTORAL PRAYER

Hear us as we pray...

PRAYER RESPONSE *Mother and God* **VU 280**
 (sung by Cantor; congregants may simply listen, or join in as they feel comfortable)
 Cantor: Anna Wojcik, Soprano Choral Lead/Soloist
 Piano: J.-C. Coolen, Music Minister

Mother and God, to you we sing:
 wide is your womb, warm is your wing.
 In you we live, move and are fed
 sweet, flowing milk, life giving bread.
 Mother and God, to you we bring
 all broken hearts, all broken wings.

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THE LORD'S PRAYER

CLOSING HYMN *Would You Bless Your Homes and Families* **VU 556**
 Cantor: Anna Wojcik, Soprano Choral Lead/Soloist
 Piano: J.-C. Coolen, Music Minister

1 Would you bless our homes and families,
 Source of life who calls us here;
 in our world of stress and tension

teach us love that conquers fear.
 Help us learn to love each other
 with a love that constant stays;
 teach us when we face our troubles,
 love's expressed in many ways.

2 When our way is undemanding,
 let us use the time that's ours
 to delight in simple pleasures,
 sharing joys in gentle hours.

When our way is anxious walking
 and a heavy path we plod,
 teach us trust in one another
 and in you, our gracious God.

3 From the homes in which we're nurtured,
 with the love that shapes us there,
 teach us, God, to claim as family
 everyone whose life we share.

And through all that life may offer,
 may we in your love remain;
 may the love we share in families
 be alive to praise your name.

4 Let us reach beyond the boundaries
 of our daily thought and care
 till the family you have chosen
 spills its love out everywhere.

Help us learn to love each other
 with a love that constant stays;
 teach us when we face our troubles
 love's expressed in many ways.

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BLESSING AND SENDING FORTH

CONGREGATIONAL BLESSING*May the Lord, Gracious God*

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

Cantor: Anna Wojcik, Soprano Choral Lead/Soloist

Piano: J.-C. Coolen, Music Minister

- 1 May the Lord, gracious God,
bless and keep you forever;
grant you peace, perfect peace,
courage in every endeavor.

- 2 Lift up your eyes and see God's face,
and God's grace forever;
may the Lord, gracious God,
bless and keep you forever.

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POSTLUDE*Canon in D* (Johann Pachelbel, arr. S. Drummond Wolff)

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

Randy Wilson, Presider

Anna Wojcik, Soprano Choral Lead/Soloist

We are also thankful for those serving as tech support:

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

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NEXT WEEK: Ascension ~ Mental Health Sunday - May 16th

Scripture Readings: Psalm 47; 1 Samuel 16.14-23; Luke 24.44-53; Ephesians 6.10-17.

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

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=S1lJakFPSnM5UEx1UWVUNHI5MktSUT09Using>

Meeting ID: 814 1412 1724

Passcode: 555637

OR

If you wish to phone in, please use the following information. Dial by your location:

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Meeting ID: 814 1412 1724 Passcode: 555637

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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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Are you looking for a Mother's Day gift that pushes the boundaries? Take the time to watch the video “Gifts for Families this Mother's Day” included here in your bulletin. Mother's Day is filled with so many emotions for many people. Why not mark it with a special gift to the Mission & Service of the United Church for programs that support and strengthen families in need? Thank you. Download: <https://bit.ly/3tEaJTB>

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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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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 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.

Our guest preacher will be the Rev. Dr. HyeRan Kim-Cragg.

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MINI-RECITAL

Anna Wojcik, soprano
J.-C. Coolen, piano

Frühling übers Jahr

Hugo Wolf (1860-1903)

Hugo Wolf, an Austrian composer of the late Romantic era, was noted for his Lieder, which had a concentrated expressive intensity. In this song, Wolf sets the poetry of Goethe to music. The text encapsulates the Romantic fascination with nature. As was customary in the 19th century, the joys and struggles of humankind were written about under the guise of nature. Behind the descriptions of the world coming to life in the springtime, are the feelings of enamouration the poet feels towards his beloved.

Frühling übers Jahr

Das Beet, schon lockert
Sich's in die Höh,
Da wanken Glöckchen
So weiß wie Schnee;
Safran entfaltet
Gewalt'ge Gluth,
Smaragden keimt es

Springtime Throughout the Year

The flowerbed is already
Being loosened by plants pushing upward,
Little bells are swaying there,
As white as snow;
The crocus is unfurling
A powerful glow,
Emerald green it is sprouting

Und keimt wie Blut.
 Primeln stolzieren
 So naseweis,
 Schalkhafte Veilchen,
 Versteckt mit Fleiß;
 Was auch noch alles
 Da regt und webt,
 Genug, der Frühling,
 Er wirkt und lebt.

And sprouting blood-red.
 Primroses parade
 So pertly,
 Roguish violets,
 Assiduously concealed;
 Whatever else as well is
 Bestirring itself and burgeoning,
 Enough! Springtime
 Is active and alive.

Doch was im Garten
 Am reichsten blüht,
 Das ist des Liebchens
 Lieblich Gemüth.
 Da glühen Blicke
 Mir immerfort,
 Erregend Liedchen,
 Erheiternd Wort.
 Ein immer offen,
 Ein Blüthenherz,
 Im Ernste freundlich
 Und rein im Scherz.
 Wenn Ros' und Lilie
 Der Sommer bringt,
 Er doch vergebens
 Mit Liebchen ringt.

But what in the garden
 Blooms most richly
 Is my beloved's
 Lovely spirit.
 There glances glow
 For me continuously,
 A thrilling song,
 A cheering word.
 An ever-open,
 A blossoming heart,
 Friendly in seriousness
 And pure in jest.
 When summer brings
 Roses and lilies,
 It vies in vain
 With my beloved.

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Moja pieszczotka

Fryderyk Chopin (1810-1849)

Fryderyk Chopin was a Polish composer and virtuosic pianist, most known for his solo piano works. While he did not write many songs (only 19), his music was greatly inspired by vocal writing. In this song, he sets the poetry of Adam Mickiewicz, a principal figure in Polish Romanticism, to music. The text reveals the simple joys of being in love, and Chopin's setting elegantly captures this sentiment through the lilting waltz accompaniment and expressive melody.

Moja pieszczotka

Moja pieszczotka gdy w wesołej chwili,
 Pocznie szczebiotać i kwilić i gruchać :
 Tak mile grucha,
 szczebioce i kwili,
 Że nie chcąc słówka żadnego postradać,
 Nie śmiem przerywać,
 nie śmiem odpowiadać,
 I tylko chciałbym słuchać, słuchać, słuchać.

Lecz mowy żywiość gdy oczki zapali,
 I pocznie mocniej jagody różować,
 Perłowe ząbki błysną wśród korali :
 Ach! wtenczas śmiejej w oczęta poglądam,
 Usta pomykam i słuchać nie żądam,
 Tylko całować, całować, całować.

My Darling

My darling, when in a joyous moment
 You begin to chatter and wail and coo,
 Such lovely cooing,
 chattering and wailing
 Not wanting to miss a single word,
 I dare not interrupt,
 I dare not respond,
 I only wish to listen!

But when the vividness of speech
 lights your eyes,
 And rosies the berries more intensely
 Pearly teeth shine among corals,
 Ah! then I will look boldly in your eyes
 I hurry my lips
 and do not demand to listen,
 Only to kiss!

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La Pastorella dell'Alpi

Gioachino Antonio Rossini (1792-1868)

Gioacchino Rossini (1792-1868) was an Italian composer, who gained fame for his 39 operas. He composed the set of 12 songs "Soirees Musicales" once he retired from operatic composition. In this song, Rossini sets the text of Carlo Pepoli. The poem tells the story of a charming shepherdess in the Alps, who sells fruits and flowers every morning. Although she helps lost travellers find their way in the night, her thoughts of affection are only for one.

La Pastorella dell'Alpi

Son bella pastorella,
che scende ogni mattino
ed offre un cestellino
di fresche frutta e fior.

Chi viene al primo albore
avrà vezzose rose
E poma rugiadose,
venite al moi gairdin,
ahu, ahu...

Chi del notturno orrore
Smari la buona via,
alla capanna mia
ritrovera il cammin.

Venite o passagiero,
La pastorella è qua,
Ma il fior del suo pensiero
Ad uno solo darà!
Ahu, ahu...

The Alpine Shepherdess

I'm the pretty shepherdess,
Coming down every morning
I offer a little basket
With fresh fruit and flowers.

Whoever comes at dawn
Will have some pretty roses
And dew sprinkled apples,
Come all to my garden
Ahu, ahu ...

Whoever in the night's horrors
Loses his way,
At my little hut
Will find his path again.

Come, o traveller
The shepherdess is here
But her tenderest thoughts
Address to one alone!
Ahu, ahu...

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